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PREFATORY NOTE

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DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK, 1756.

INTRODUCTION.

1756 was an eventful year in the history of the Company's possessions in India. During this year, Pigot and his Council at Madras were faced not only with the problem of re-establishing Nawab Muhammad 'Ali's authority in the Carnatic, but also with the task of equipping and despatching an expedition to Bengal in order to recover Fort William and other factories which were suddenly attacked and captured by Suraj-ud-dowlah. The Military Consultations volume of the year, which has already been published, describes a series of political events ; Major Kilpatrick's unsuccessful attempts to reduce Vellore or to bring Murtaza 'Ali to terms [1], the troubles with the French in the contested districts [2], Yusuf Khan's operations in the Madura and Tinnevelly countries [3] and the final stages of the Bengal Expedition, of the actual despatch of Clive with Watson and his squadron [4]. But the events leading to the project of the expedition, the news of the fall of Cossimbazar, of Fort William, of Dacca, and of the urgent deliberations made thereon, all these are recorded only in the two volumes of the Public Consultations [5]. This is explained by the fact that till the 22nd September the whole Council deliberated upon the Bengal affairs, whereas after that date it was the Select Committee for transacting Country affairs that deliberated upon them [6].

The Public Consultations of the year, besides dealing with the Bengal affairs, describe as usual the measures taken to secure the Company's Investment, to regulate the finances and to rent out the Company's farms. They also contain some information about the Mayor's Court and throw some light on the conditions prevailing at Negrais.

Pigot and his Council never failed to make frequent remittances to the various subordinate factories, Fort St. David, Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Bandermalanka, to encourage the Investment [7]. But they carefully examined all the bales sent and insisted that, as far as possible, the cloth supplied should be of the right quality [8]. In Madras itself, they tried to encourage the Investment in fine goods by contracting with the old sets of Company's merchants, rather than with new merchants, knowing full well that the tender system which the Court of Directors had advocated, was bound to prove ineffectual as in 1755 and, what is more, " to lessen in the eyes of the public the character of a Company's merchant." They warned the merchants, however, that if they brought in inferior cloth, it would be bought only at an abatement on the muster price [9]. But, when the Directors pressed that sealed tenders should be invited from all merchants, they could not but obey this order. Sealed tenders were, therefore, invited for the provision of ordinary goods and the same system was ordered to be adopted in Fort St. David also [10]. In October, on the advice of the Directors, a Committee consisting of Pigot, Powney and Orme was appointed to consider the ways and means to improve the Investment [11].

As in the previous years the Council had frequently to sell large amounts of rupees to obtain pagodas. Almost every time a remittance was to be made, rupees had to be sold either to Linga Chetti [12] or to the Company's servants [13]. We find that the exchange rate during the year stood at 368 rupees for 100

[1] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Department, pages 24, 25, 30, 38, 39, 42, 45, 48, 49, 52–56, 66–69, 73–79, 87–96, 98, 104, 110.

[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Department, pages 20, 63–65, 86, 106, 107, 127, 128, 158, 178, 179, 181, 182, 184, 189, 190, 192, 209, 228.

[3] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Department, pages 115–118, 123–125, 131, 132, 142, 143, 153, 154, 156, 173, 183, 194, 195, 256, 257, 266–275, 345, 350–356, 366, 378, 395–400, 406–412.

[4] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Department, pages 303–305, 309–339.

[5] See pages 193–195, 198, 201, 206, 207, 227, 235–241, 244–259, 267–271, 273–275, 281, 282, 285–288, 290–299.
See also Public Consultation Vol. 86.

[6] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Department, page 280.
See also page 299.

[7] See e.g. pages 40, 73, 75, 82.

[8] See pages 94, 121.

[9] See pages 85, 91, 92.

[10] See pages 186, 187, 191.

[11] See page 318.

[12] See pages 18, 40, 82, 86, 95, 126, 141, 151, 198, 356.

[13] See pages 82, 93, 95, 98, 99, 107, 123, 199, 311.

pagodas. Again, on the suggestion of the Committee of Accounts, the Council took many measures to check irregularities in the accounts[1]. Bribery and carelessness in financial matters were meted out with severe punishment. It was on the charge of bribery and financial irregularities that Henry Hopkins was removed from his post of Chief of Devicotta [2]. It was for his carelessness that Richard Starke, the Deputy Governor of Fort St. David, was required to make good a deficiency in cash in the treasury[3].

The rents of the Company's farms, as they fell due, were collected with regularity and on the expiry of the lease period, the farms were generally auctioned at higher rents than those of last year. The farms of Devicotta and St. Thome, of Ruby brokerage, of Trivattur, Egmore and Perambur were let at higher rents than what they fetched in 1755 [4]. The Poonamallee and Tiruvendipuram farms, however, fetched lower rents [5]. The farms of Chingleput, Covelong, Seven Maganams of the Tripassore Country and Manimangalam were let as ordered by the Select Committee [6]. And, as for the Fort St. David farms, though the Deputy Governor thought that they could be let at considerably higher rents in Fort St. David itself, Pigot and his Council refused to set aside the prevailing practice, and auctioned them in Madras [7]. The Council also resolved not to permit any European to bid for the Company's farms or be concerned in them in any manner. But, all the same, they represented to the Court of Directors both the advantages as well as the disadvantages of that system [8]. It may also be mentioned here that the assignment of eight lakhs from the Arcot revenues made by the Nawab was duly recovered during the year [9].

An important question which Pigot and his Council wished to consider was, whether and if so, in what manner, Indians could be permitted to bring in suits regarding property in the Mayor's Court—a privilege which was denied them by the Charter. The Council consulted the Mayor, George Mackay, the Senior Alderman, John Walsh, as well as the Chiefs of the Castes and other prominent Indians upon this question. It had to be ascertained whether the measure would be agreeable to the majority of the people, whether they wished to have their own customs preserved to them in all or any cases or whether in any way they preferred the English laws. The Indian gentlemen, however, said that these were matters of too great consequence, "upon which they wished to consult the people of the several castes" and desired time. This was granted [10], but subsequently nothing came out of the measure during the year. Meanwhile, the Mayor's Court had sent in a letter to be forwarded to the Directors, requesting orders on several points connected with the Charter. This was ordered to be sent Home [11].

During the year, in the vacancies caused by the resignations of Edward Edwards [12] and Andrew Munro [13] and the death of John Browning [14], James Alexander [15], Capt. Burman [16] and Henry Brooke [17] were appointed as Aldermen. And in December at the annual elections for choosing a new Mayor and Sheriff for the ensuing year, Andrew Ross was chosen Mayor and George Stratton, Sheriff and Coroner [18]. About the same time, the Court of Requests informed the Council that thay had met and balloted in twelve new Commissioners in the place of those who had to go out by rotation [19].

Early in the year, letters came from Henry Brooke, Chief of Negrais, mentioning the hostile attitude of the country powers, the attempts made by him to erect godowns and magazines and the extreme sickness of the season which had taken a heavy toll among his men and affected his health also[20]. Upon his request the Council permitted him to return to the Coast and appointed

1 See the reports of the Committee on pages 44, 45, 50, 51, 147, 149, 150, 152–159, 208–210, 216–220.
2 See pages 36, 38, 117, 123, 126, 128–132, 137, 161, 166, 171–174, 178, 207, 376.
3 See pages 12, 13, 38.
4 See pages 109, 126–128, 164, 263, 289–291, 324.
5 See pages 162, 163.
6 See pages 263, 303.
7 See pages 333, 360.
8 See page 127.
9 See pages 108, 109, 117, 118, 126, 133, 324.
10 See pages 2, 71, 80, 81.
11 See pages 60, 62–65.
12 See pages 15, 19, 24.
13 See pages 74, 79, 82, 83, 85, 90.
14 See pages 323, 326.
15 See pages 19, 29.
16 See pages 85, 93.
17 See pages 356, 359.
18 See pages 361, 373.
19 See pages 363, 371.
20 See pages 17, 37.

Captain John Howes in his place [1]. They also made arrangements for sending provisions and men to Negrais [2]. After handing over charge to Howes, Brooke returned to Madras in June [3]. Towards the end of the year we learn that John Howes and Thomas Newton prevailed upon the Prince of Persiam to grant permission to the Company to build a fort upon a high spot of ground in old Persiam, known as Pagoda Hill and that the English flag was hoisted there on the 5th August. But as ill-luck would have it, though the Prince of the Burmese permitted the Company to establish a settlement in Persiam, Newton, who was left in charge of it, had soon to quit the place on account of the hostile attitude of the people and the scarcity of provisions [4].

Among other matters of interest in these Consultations may be mentioned the steps taken to regulate the boats in the Madras Harbour [5], to ensure an adequate supply of gunpowder [6], to enlarge the Silver Mint [7] and to erect two mills to grind mortar and cement in Madras [8]. The Council also, we learn, granted an additional allowance of 100 pagodas per month to Colonel Lawrence [9] and appointed Andrew Munro as the Company's Physician in Madras on his retirement from the post of Chief Surgeon of the Hospital [10].

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[1] See pages 38, 39, 58.
[2] See pages 39, 74, 120.
[3] See pages 164–166.
[4] See pages 354, 355.
[5] See pages 14, 85, 199–201, 275, 282–284.
[6] See pages 73, 79, 97–102, 105–107.
[7] See pages 125, 126, 227.
[8] See pages 166, 177, 179, 180.
[9] See page 144.
[10] See pages 375, 376.

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Company's Shipping Table.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
Eastcourt ..	Arthur Evans ..	27th January 1756.	From Bengal.	2,000 bags of rice—two general lett rs dated 5th and 9th January 1756, one from Ingellee of the 13th instant and a packet from Henry Brooke at Negrais.	3rd March 1756.	For England touching at St. Helena.	To England:— From Bengal: 300 tons of saltpetre—30 tons of redwood. From Madras: 1,534 bales[1]—135½ tons of saltpetre[2]—diamonds, etc.[3]—passengers: Francis Muriel, Alexander Baird, Mrs Ann Westcott and her son, two insane soldiers John Flood and Samson Chanaway[2]—a despatch dated 2nd March 1756. To St. Helena:— From Bengal: Stores. From Madras: A general letter dated 2nd March 1756.
Cuddalore ..	George Baker ..	(1) 8th February 1756.	From Negrais.	Teak[4]—John Whitehill as passenger—John Agey and John Drury as prisoners—two general letters dated 23rd December 1755 and 26th January 1756.	15th March 1756	For Negrais.	Salt, rice and oth r sundries for the use of the settlement—Captain John Howes as passenger—a general letter dated 15th March 1756.
Do. ..	Do. ..	(2) 27th June 1756.	From Negrais.	T·ak[5]—Henry Brooke ·as passenger—two general letters dated 25th April 1756.	Employed by the President on a secret service and returned to Vizagapatam after seeing off all the China Ships safe in the straits of Malacca		
Dragon (sloop).	Assin [Assem] Cundoo [Condon].	(1) 18th February 1756.	From Fort St. David.	60 bales	28th February 1756.	For Fort St. David.	Redwood piles and copper cash.

Do.	Do.	(2) 12th March 1756.	From Fort St. David.	....	17th March 1756.	For Fort St. David.	Stores—redwood piles
Do.	Do.	(3) 25th March 1756.	From Fort St. David.	....	9th April 1756.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	Do.	(4) 18th June 1756.	From Fort St. David.	70 bales—sundries	5th July 1756.	For Fort St. David.	Stores.
Do.	Do.	(5) 8th August 1756.	From Fort St. David.	....	[..]	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	Do.	(6) 8th September 1756.	From Fort St. David.	Stores	23rd September 1756.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	Do.	(7) 7th October 1756.	From Fort St. David.	....	21st October 1756.	For Fort St. David.	Stores—a general letter dated 21st October 1756.
Bridgwater (H.M. Ship).	Henry Smith ..	(1) 28th April 1756.	From Bombay.	....	19th May 1756.	For Fort St. David.	Rs. 50,000 and Pags. 20,000.
Do.	Do. ..	(2) 3rd June 1756.	From Fort St. David.	....	11th June 1756.	For Fort St. David.	....
Do.	Do. ..	(3) 19th July 1756.	From Fort St. David.	....	24th September 1756.	For Fort St. David.	Military—treasure.

[1] See Public Despatches to England, 1752-56, Ms. Vol. 21, Page 160.
[2] See Public Despatches to England, 1752-56, Ms. Vol. 21, Page 145.
[3] See Public Despatches to England, 1752-56, Ms. Vol. 21, Pages 149—159.

[1] See Letters to Fort St. George, 1756, page 15.
[2] See Letters to Fort St. George, 1756, page 73.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.	Cargo, Military, etc.
Bridgwater (H.M. Ship) —*cont.*	Henry Smith ..	(4) 29th September 1756. From Fort St. David.	33 bales—Military stores—100 military and train with Captains Campbell, Callender, Lt. Brooke and ensign Knox—a general letter dated 28th September 1756.	16th October 1756. For Bengal.	An expedition to Bengal (see under *Kent.*)
Delawar ..	Thomas Winter ..	9th May 1756. From England.	80 bales of broad cloth and 3 bales of long ells (intended for Bombay and later sent thither by the *Orixa*)—Coral to purchase diamonds [1]—3 chests of coral (intended for Bengal)—treasure—5 chests of private silver [2]—Copper, lead and other wares and stores—private goods and merchandize [3]—30 military recruits [5]—Walton Steevens [4] as passenger not in Company's service—a despatch dated 10th October 1755 with packets for Bombay and Bengal.	20th July 1756. Do.	25 tons of lead—2 companies of military consisting of about 230 men under the command of Major Kilpatrick with Lt. Dugald Campbell, Lt. Samuel Samson, Ensigns James Ogilvie and Stephen Smith and Lt. John Francis Paschoud of the train—artillery, arms, etc.—two chests containing Rs. 16,000 a general letter dated 20th July 1756.
Syren ..	John Smith ..	14th May 1756. From Bengal.	700 bags of saltpetre—8 bales of Sannoes—a general letter dated 26th March 1756.	10th June 1756. For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal:—Redwood [6]—9 chests of Arcot Rupees and 3 chests bullion [6]—a general letter dated 9th June 1756. To Northern Settlements:—30,000 Arcot Rupees and 10,000 Madras Pagodas for Vizagapatam—10,000 Madras Pagodas for Ingeram—10,000 Madras Pagodas for Maddapollam—31 military [7] under the Command of Captain Beaver to reinforce the garrison at Vizagapatam Edward Bib as

							passenger to Vizagapatam to take the command of the *Arcot* (Snow)—a general letter to each settlement dated 8th June 1756 and one to Negrais of the same date to be forwarded from Vizagapatam.
Mermaid	Alexander Scott.	24th May 1756.	From Bengal.	650 bags of saltpetre—Sundries—two general letters dated 26th March 1756 and 29th March 1756 with a packet from Fort Marlborough and one for Bombay.	9th July 1756.	For Bengal.	Redwood[8]—15 chests of bullion—a general letter dated 8th July 1756.
Suffolk	William Wilson	3rd July 1756.	From England.	60 chests of treasure[9]—Medicine[10] copper[11]—25 tons of lead and other wares—naval and victualling stores for the King's troops[12]—Coral to purchase diamonds[13]—one chest of private gold[14]—private goods and merchandize[15]—67 recruits for His Majesty's regiment—a despatch dated 19th December 1755.	24th July 1756.	For Canton.	Redwood—a general letter to the supercargoes dated 24th July 1756.
Stormont	Josiah Hindman	4th July 1756.	Do	20 chests of treasure[9]—copper, lead and other wares—naval and victualling stores for the King's troops[12]—medicine[16]—coral to purchase diamonds[17]—one chest of private gold and	1st August 1756.	Do.	From England:—40 chests of treasure[9]— From Madras:—Redwood—a general letter to the supercargoes.

[1] See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 3.
[2] See Do. Do. Do. page 131.
[3] See Do. Do. Do. pages 147–149.
[4] See Do. Do. Do. page 199.
[5] The above Despatch Volume mentions 33 on pages 179, 180.
[6] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1756, page 42.
[7] See Do. Do. page 43.
[8] See Letters from Fort St. George, 1756, page 54.
[9] See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 84.
[10] See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 6.
[11] See Do. Do. Do. page 53.
[12] See Do. Do. Do. page 54.
[13] See Do. Do. Do. page 5.
[14] See Do. Do. Do. page 133.
[15] See Do. Do. Do. pages 151–154.
[16] See Do. Do. Do. page 9.
[17] See Do. Do. Do. page 7.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
				one box of wrought plate[1]—private goods and merchandize[2]—48 recruits[3]—Thomas Shore, Stephen Le Visme (as supercargoes)—passenger: William Magee (not in Company's service)—a despatch dated 19th December 1755.			
Godolphin ..	William Hutchinson.	5th July 1756.	From England.	20 chests of treasure [4]—copper and other wares—naval and victualling stores for the King's troops [5]—medicine [6]—coral, emerald and pearls [7]—one chest of private gold [8]—private goods and merchandize [9]—51 recruits [10]—John Searle and Joseph Harrington as supercargoes—passengers: Thomas Hamilton, Thomas Amphlet, George Vaughon (all in Company's service)—a despatch dated 19th December 1755 and a packet from the Secret Committee to the Select Committee.	30th July 1756.	For Canton.	From England:—40 chests of treasure[4]. From Madras:—Redwood—a general letter to the supercargoes dated 29th July 1756.
King Fisher (H.M. Ship).	Toby . .	(1) 19th July 1756.	From Fort St. David	....	29th August 1756.	For Fort St. David.	....
D°.	D°. .	(2) 4th September 1756.	D°.	....	22nd September 1756.	For Bengal touching at Vizagapatam.	To Bengal:—Ammunition and stores—two general letters dated 18th and 21st September 1756. To Vizagapatam:—A general letter dated 21st September 1756.

Kent (H.M. Ship).	Admiral Watson and Capt. Henry Speke.	20th July 1756.	From Bombay touching at Fort St. David.	From Fort St. David: Col. Adlercron's regiment and King's train under the Command of Captain Hislop [11]—5 Swiss deserters [12].	16th October 1756.	For Bengal.	An expedition to Bengal consisting of 528 military, 109 train, 940 sepoys and 160 lascars with war materials [13] under the Command of Lt.-Col. Clive with Messrs. Walsh and Maunsell to assist him.
Cumberland (H.M. Ship).	Admiral Pocock and J. Harrison.	Do.	Do.	From Fort St. David: Col. Adlercron's regiment and King's train under Captain Hislop [11].	Do.	Do.	An expedition to Bengal (see under *Kent*)
Tyger (H.M. Ship).	Thomas Latham ..	Do.	Do.	From Fort St. David: 66 bales and 15 candies of indigo—Col. Adlercron's regiment and King's train under Capt. Hislop [11].	Do.	Do.	An expedition to Bengal (see under *Kent*).
Salisbury (H.M. Ship).	William Martin ..	Do.	Do.	From Fort St. David: Col Adlercron's regiment and King's train under the Command of Captain Hislop [11].	Do.	Do.	An expedition to Bengal (see under *Kent*).
Caernarvon ..	Norton Hutchinson.	8th August 1756.	From England touching at Madagascar.	From England:—60 chests of treasure [4]—copper [14] and other wares—stores such as naval and victualling stores, clothing for the King's troops [5]—medicine [15]—coral to purchase	30th August 1756.	For Canton.	....

1 See Public Despatches from England, 1755-56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 135.
2 See Do. Do. Do. pages 155–157.
3 The above Despatch Volume mentions 49 recruits on pages 181–182.
4 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 84.
5 See Do. do. do. page 54.
6 See Do. do. do page 12.
7 See Do. do. do. page 11.
8 See Do. do. do. page 137.
9 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, pages 159–161.
10 The above Despatch Volume mentions 52 recruits on pages 183–184.
11 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Dept., page 235.
12 See Do. do. page 237.
13 See Do. do. pages 329 and 333.
14 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 53.
15 See Do. do. do. page 15.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
				diamonds [1]—one chest of private gold [2]—private goods and merchandize [1]—72 recruits for the King's Regiment—a despatch dated 19th December 1755 with packets for Bengal and Bombay. From Madagascar :—the crew of the ship *Dodington* wrecked off the Island of Chaos.			
Marlborough.	Alexander Macleod.	10th August 1756.	From England touching at Madeira.	From England :—30 chests of treasure [3]—100 tons of lead [3]—100 tons of iron[3]—one chest of private silver [4]—private goods and merchandize[5]—61 recruits[6]—passengers : James Hay, Alexander Leigh, John Crawford, Henry Parsons, Thomas Lane, William Stevenson; James Taylor, Richard Fitzpatrick (all in Company's service); Ann Helena Troughton, Mary Ann Davis, Mary Campbell, Thomas Dugal Campbell[7] (these not in Company's service)—a despatch dated 3rd December 1755. From Madeira :—248 pipes of wine—a letter dated 19th March 1756.	16th October 1756.	For Bengal.	An expedition to Bengal (see under *Kent*)—military stores—2 lakhs of rupees for the expedition[8]—a general letter dated 15th October 1756.
Chesterfield.	Edwin Carter ..	19th September 1756.	From England.	Gold [9]—coral to purchase diamonds [10]—one chest of private gold [11]—private goods and merchandize[12]—bullion,[13] broad-	23rd November 1756	For England, touching at Fort	To England :—1907 bales[17]—30 tons of redwood[17]—62 chests and 4 duppers of indigo[17]—80 tons of iron kintledge[17]—22 tons

				cloth, copper and other wares and stores (intended for Bengal)—34 recruits [14] (also intended for Bengal)—passengers: Charles Frederick Noble[15] (in Company's service); Elizabeth Scottney [16] (not in Company's service)—a despatch dated 11th February 1756.		St. David and St Helena.	of redwood at half freight [17]—diamonds, precious stones, [18] etc.—private trade [19]—passengers: Lt. Col. Samuel Bagshaw, Capt. James Spears, Lt. Stephen Augustus De Monchanin, Mrs. Jane Guy, Miss Anne Helena Troughton; a Captain, 2 Lieutenants, an ensign and some non-commissioned officers of His Majesty's regiment, 10 disabled soldiers [20]—a despatch dated 21st November 1756. To St. Helena:—4 bales of longcloth[21]—1 leaguer of arrack[21]—15 bundles of sugar[21]—5 Coffrees [20]—a general letter dated 21st November 1756. To Fort St. David:—2 chests of pagodas—Col. Lawrence as passenger—a general letter dated 21st November 1756.
Walpole ..	Francis Fowler ..	19th September 1756.	From England.	Gold [9]—coral to purchase diamonds [22]—one chest of private gold and 3 chests of private silver [23]—private goods and merchandize[22]—bullion[13], broad-	16th October 1756.	For Bengal.	An expedition to Bengal (see under *Kent*)—military stores—2 lakhs of rupees for the expedition [24]—a general letter dated 15th October 1756.

1 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 13.
2 See Do. do. do. page 139.
3 See Do. do. do. page 41.
4 See Do. do. do. page 141.
5 See Do. do. do. pages 163, 164.
6 The above Despatch Vol. mentions 66 recruits on pages 185, 186.
See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 199.
8 See Diary and Consultation Book 1756, Military Dept., pages 330, 334.
9 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, pages 89 and 90.
10 See Do. do. page 21.
11 See Do. do. page 143.
12 See Do. do. pages 165–169.
13 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 80.
14 The above Despatch Volume mentions 44 recruits on pages 187 and 188.
15 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 92.
16 See Do. do. page 201.
17 See Public Despatches to England, 1756–58, Ms. Vol. 22, pages 88 and 89.
18 See Do. do. pages 94–102.
19 See Do. do page 103.
20 See Do. do. pages 86 and 87.
21 See Do. do. page 97.
22 See Public Despatches from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, page 19.
23 See Do. do. page 145.
24 See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Dept., pages 330 and 334.

Name of Ship.	Name of Captain.	Date of Arrival and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.	Date of Departure and Place.		Cargo, Military, etc.
				cloth, long ells, copper and other wares and stores (intended for Bengal)—51 recruits[1] (also intended for Bengal)—a despatch dated 11th February 1756			
Protector ..	George England ..	11th October 1756.	From Bombay.	Six brass six pounder field pieces[2]—gunpowder[2] (from Gheriah)—a general letter from the Select Committee of Bombay dated 12th September 1756.	29th October 1756.	For Bengal.	88,000 Madras Rupees—150 sepoys[2]—a general letter dated 29th October 1756.

[1] The Public Despatchs from England, 1755–56, Ms. Vol. 59, mentions 55 recruits on pages 189 and 190.

[2] See Diary and Consultation Book, 1756, Military Dept., page 348.

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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK 1756

(VOLUME No. 85.)

From January 1 *to December* 31.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1756*——

The Consultations and Diary Book of George Pigot Esqr. President and Governour &c^a. Council of Fort St. George containing their Proceedings and Transactions in the Affairs of The United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies Relating to the Presidency in the Coast of Choromandel Began 1st. January 1756.

Receiv'd by Pattamars[1] General Letter from Bombay dated 27th. November 1755. 1

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Ingeram[2] dated 27th. December 1755. 2

AT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY THE 6TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERN^R. PRESID^T.
STRING^R. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEX^R. WYNCH.

M^R. PERCEVAL *at Camp.*
M^R. SMITH *at Deve Cotah.*
M^R. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 30th. December read and Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t.

General letters read From Bombay.

N°. 1. From the President and Council at Bombay dated the 27th. November acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 22^d. July, 30th. September & 9th. October, and acquainting Us of the arrival of Admiral Watson with the whole Squadron, and that our Honble Masters Ships Stretham & Pelham also imported there from Europe the 7th. & 8th. November, all well on board, having parted with the Houghton & Edgecote about the 20th. September off Cape Bassa and the Dodington soon after they left St. Jago; the Protector Commodore James also arriv'd there the 12th. of that Month. That the Committee for Country & Military affairs having Communicated to them what regarded the Protector they Shall Cedit Us for the Stores &c. supplied her, as well as for the Silver Consign'd to the Supra Cargoes of the Warren & shall shortly reimburse Us. That they hope the Gentlemen at the Bay will be able to Answer their expectations in the dispatch home of the Companys shipping as they requested one might be sent round to be filled up on the Malabar Coast. That they have receiv'd the Woollen Goods ℘ Bridgwater agreeable to Invoice. That our Packet for Europe shall be forwarded by the first Sea Conveyance, and that they are well satisfied with our having provided for Captain Lee, tho' had he return'd there a Company would have fallen to him.

General letters read.

From Ingeram.

N°. 2 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram, dated the 20th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 23^d. November with Five thousand (5000) Madras Pagodas and acquainting Us he is glad to find his Cloth turn out so well, that he hopes to dispatch his Bales to Us by the 20th. of January and dont doubt but they will be as good as the last. That he shall reserve as much Cash, as will suffice for his Expences untill the arrival of the Ships from Europe. Cloth on hand L.C.O. M. & F. 359 Corg[3] Bet^s. 6 Corge.

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1. Foot-runners or couriers—Hobson-Jobson.
2. A village near the mouth of the Godavari in the present East Godavari District—one of the earliest English factories on the East Coast.
3. A bale or lot containing 20 pieces—Hobson-Jobson, p. 255.

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List of Officers with their Ranks approv'd.

Brevets to be drawn out.

The Company to be wrote to on this Head.

Some disputes having arisen among the Officers concerning their Rank, a Compleat List of all those belonging to the Company at present on the Coast is now produced and approv'd by a Majority of the Council, and enter'd, hereafter, and Brevets are order'd to be drawn out for such as have not had them, but Colonel Lawrence who is undoubtedly more conversant herein, being of Opinion that this method of settling the Rank may occasion Confusion at some time or other AGREED that it be recommended to the Company to order that hereafter all Officers in General shall Rank according to the Dates of the first Commission they are honour'd with, and that to put their Military upon the proper footing they ought to be, it is necessary that fresh Commissions should be given to all the Officers who have had Brevets and those Commissions to bear the same dates their Brevets did, but this the Council don't chuse to do without the Companys particular directions as it may disgust such of the Officers as would be prejudiced in their Rank thereby.

The means of determining matters of Property among the Indian Natives consider'd.

The Board taking into Consideration the Companys recommendation in their Commands of the 31st. January 1755 under the Head of Charter relating to the Method of determining matters of property among the Indian Natives who by the Charter are excluded from the Liberty of suing in the Mayors Court.

Major &c Senior Aldermen Chief of the Casts to meet the Presidt. and Council if possible before the next Europe Dispatch.

AGREED that the Mayor and the two Senior Aldermen and some of the Chief Men of each of the Casts be desired to meet the President and Council if possible before the next Europe dispatch, to Consider of a proper Method to be recommended to the Company that a Clause may be added to the Charter.

Accountants Report of the ships & vessels on the General Books and also of Deceased Persons Estate.

The Accountant lays before the Board the Accounts of the Hoñble Companys Sloops and Vessells as they are extracted from the General Books, and Remarks that all these Vessells now stand at an immense Charge, much exceeding their first Cost, as will appear by the following Statement.

	Prime cost.	Present amount.	Increase.
Arcot Snow	2483·28·75	7056 33 46	4573 4 51
Sloop Fortune	394·26·42	994 14 31	599 23 69
Sloop Cuddalore	5877·10 3	10890 8 7	5012 34 4
Ship Prince George	10000 — —	22544 3 74	12544 3 74
Sloop Dragon	300 — —	2022 8 19	1722 8 19

Which encrease as will appear by the Accounts Current have arose from the Charges and Expences incurr'd on those Vessells having never been regularly and Annually wrote off to Profit & Loss, and Credit not having been regularly given for the Freights and Services they have render'd to the Company. He likewise represents that the Brillant Snow stands on the Books at the sum of Pagodas 17710. 19. 5 altho' that Vessell has never been heard of since the October Storm 1752. The Sloop Porto Bello has likewise not been heard of for a twelve Month and stands on the Books at the sum of Pagodas 17601.13.52. The Accountant desires the directions of the Board concerning these Heads and whether he may write off to Account Current London the following Estates of deceased Persons standing Creditors on the Companys Books, as thereby the Company will be able to ascertain the Claims of the Heirs in London Vizt.,

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	P.	f.	C.
Estate of John Turnbull transferr'd from Vizagapatam	11	30	71
Estate of Humphry Holcombe d°.	16	7	71
Estate of John Churchey d°.	2492	15	8
Estate of John Smith transferr'd from Fort St. David	7	—	—
Estate of John Graham	771	34	19
Estate of Joseph Smith	252	17	50

Orders thereon.

ORDER'D that the Services of the Sloops and Vessels be collected in the best manner possible and laid before the Board that they may ascertain the Credits proper to be given to these Vessells.

ORDER'D that the Brillant Snow and Sloop Porto Bello be wrote off to profit & Loss there being all reason to think them lost.

ORDER'D that the following Estates be wrote off and that the others remain on the Books, as there are Claimants in India Vizt.

To be wrote off			
Estate of John Turnbull	41	30	71
Estate of John Churchey	2492	15	8
Estate of John Smith	7	—	—

Cash Account for December read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last month Ballance then remaining compared with the Chest Fourteen thousand four hundred and fifty two Pagodas three fanams and fifty three Cash (14452.3.53) which is carried forward.

Rent of the 7 Magans of the Triposore Country paid in.

Pushponatha Nayenar late Renter of the seven Magans of the Tripossore Country pays in three thousand five hundred (3500) Pagodas in further part of six Months Rent due on that Farm, the first of August last when the Cowle expired.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.

A LIST OF OFFICERS DOING DUTY ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL, IN THE SERVICE OF THE HONBLE THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY 1ST JANUARY 1756.

	Date of Brevets.	Date of Commissions.	What Corps.	
MAJOR.				
James Killpatrick ..	20 July 1754	....	..	..
CAPTAINS.				
George Gardner ..	..	28th September 1750	Eng. Inf.	Coast.
Francis de Vareilles ..	21 July 1751		D°.	D°.
Edmund Pascall ..	..	30 October 1751	D°.	D°.
John Henry Schaub ..	..	21 November 1751	Swiss Inf.	D°.
Paul Polier De Bottens.	..	18 December 1751	D°.	Bay.
Edmund Maskelyne ..	..	17 February 175½	Eng. Inf.	Coast.
George Frederick Gaupp.	..	3 August 1752	Swiss Inf.	D°.
Lewis D'Illins	..	20 December 1752	Train	D°.
John Brohier	..	11 May 1753	D°.	D°.
John Caillaud	12 May 1753	26 June 1753	Eng Inf.	D°.
William Lin	13 May 1753	27 June 1753	D°.	D°.
John Howes	3 July 1753	17 February 1755	D°.	D°.
William Lee	4 August 1753	16 June 1755	D°.	D°.
Charles Campbell ..	..	19 November 1753	D°.	D°.
John Innis	..	25 March 1754	D°.	D°.

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A LIST OF OFFICERS DOING DUTY ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL, IN THE SERVICE OF THE HOÑBLE EAST INDIA COMPANY 1ST JANUARY 1756—*cont.*

	Date of Brevets.	Date of Commissions.	What Corps.	
CAPTAINS.				
Joseph Smith	..	26 March 1754	Eng. Inf.	Coast.
James Spears	..	22 April 1754	D°.	D°.
George Beaver ..	10 May 1754	27 August 1754	D°.	D°.
Alexander Callender ..	11 May 1754	7 October 1754	D°.	D°.
Timothy Bridge ..	17 August 1754	17 June 1755	D°.	D°.
CAPT. LIEUTENANT.				
John Stephen Bilhock.	..	15 November 1754	Eng. Inf.	Coast.
LIEUTENANTS.				
Frederick Gurtler ..	..	21 November 1751	Swiss Inf.	Coast.
Alexander Peyer Imkoff	..	18 December 1751	D°.	Bay
Rodolph Wagner ..	..	3 August 1752	D°.	Coast.
Edward Davis ..	..	6 December 1752	Eng Inf.	D°.
Benjamin Godwin ..	..	11 May 1753	Train	D°.
John Seaton	..	12 May 1753	D°.	D°.
Christian Fischer ..	..	25 June 1753	Eng. Inf.	D°.
Achilles Preston ..	..	26 June 1753	D°.	D°.
Arthur Nelson ..	..	27 June 1753	D°.	D°.
Stephen Augustus de Monchanin	..	1 November 1753	D°.	D°.
Richard Smith ..	..	2 November 1753	D°.	D°.
John Perceval ..	..	5 D°. 1753	D°.	D°.
Thomas Rumbold ..	..	19 D°. 1753	D°.	D°.
William Rumbold ..	..	20 D°. 1753	D°.	D°.
John North	..	25 March 1754	D°.	D°.
Danicl Campbell ..	..	26 D°. 1754	D°.	D°.
John Fraser ..	..	27 D°. 1754	D°.	D°.
Andrew Graig ..	..	22 April 1754	D°.	D°.
Robert Campbell ..	10 June 1754	15 November 1754	D°.	D°.
Thomas Newton ..	11 d°. 1754	16 D°. 1754	D°.	D°.
John Hume ..	29 August 1754	..	D°.	Bay.
Richard Black ..	..	17 D°. 1754	D°.	Coast.
Dugald Campbell ..	6 June 1755	17 June 1755	D°.	D°.
Edward Fresh ..	7 d°. 1755	18 d°. 1755	D°.	D°.
Samuel Samson ..	8 d°. 1755	27 October 1755	D°.	D°.
John Reish ..	9 d°. 1755	..	D°.	D°.
Henry Tripsack ..	10 d°. 1755	..	D°.	D°.
John Dickenson ..	..	21 July 1755	Train.	D°.
Thomas Blagg ..	10 August 1755	..	Eng. Inf.	Bay.
SECOND LIEUTENANTS.				
John Francis DeBeck ..		21 November 1751	Swiss Inf.	Coast.
Robert Barker ..		7 November 1753	Train ..	D°.
Claud Philip Lulin ..		8 April 1754	Swiss Inf.	D°.
John Francis Paschoud.		21st July 1755	Train ..	D°.
Conrad Ziegler		13 October 1755	Swiss Inf.	Bay.
ENSIGNS & FIREWORKERS.				
John Donavan		3 November 1753	Eng. Inf.	Coast.
John Wood		4 d°. 1753	D°.	D°.
John Ogilvie		6 d°. 1753	D°.	D°.
John Vouga		7 d°. 1753	D°.	D°.
Francis Flaction ..		24 December 1753	D°.	D°.
John Clarke		25 March 1754	D°.	D°.
George Airey		26 d°. 1754	D°.	D°.
Daniel Frischman ..		8 April 1754	Swiss Inf.	D°.
Brynan Scottney ..		22 d°. 1754	Eng. Inf.	D°,
Simon Hart		23 d°. 1754	D°.	D°.
Ferdinand Jaeger ..		10 June 1754	Swiss Inf.	D°.

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A LIST OF OFFICER'S DOING DUTY ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL, IN THE SERVICE OF THE HON'BLE EAST INDIA COMPANY 1ST. JANUARY 1756—*cont.*

John Henry Meyers ..	13 June	1754	17 June	1754	Eng. Inf.	Coast.
Joseph Darke	14 d°.	1754	18 d°.	1754	D°.	D°.
William Jennings ..	15 d°.	1754	21 July	1754	Fireworker	D°.
David Blake	16 d°.	1754	17 November	1754	Eng. Inf.	D°.
Randfurlie Knox ..	17 d°.	1754	16 June	1755	Eng. Inf.	D°.
Robert Bannatyne ..	18 d°.	1754	17 d°.	1755	D°.	D°.
Michael Burk	19 d°.	1754	18 d°.	1755	D°.	D°.
Robert Lister	20 d°.	1754			D°.	D°.
John Charles Erdman ..	21 d°.	1754			Fireworker	D°.
Nicholas Bonjour ..	22 d°.	1754			D°.	D°.
John Dyer	31 October	1754			Eng. Inf.	D°.
Charles Kerr	6 June	1755			D°.	D°.
Charles Todd	7 d°.	1755			D°.	D°.
Jonathan Brooke ..	8 d°.	1755	21st. July	1755	Fireworker	D°.
William Elliot	9 d°.	1755			Eng. Inf.	D°.
John Lamb	10 d°.	1755			D°.	D°.
Richard Geers	1 July	1755			D°.	Bay
John Francis Raillard ..	22 d°.	1755			Fireworker	Coast.
Henry Spellman ..	10 August	1755			Eng. Inf.	Bay
Leonard Parrot			13 October	1755	Swiss Inf.	D°.

ORDER'D that the above Officers when join'd with Troops not belonging to the Coast of Choromandel take Rank according to the Dates of their Brevets but when doing Duty with such only as belong to this Coast they are then to Rank according to the Dates of their Commissions.

GEORGE PIGOT,
Govr.

FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755.

The Honble United Companys Cash. Dr.

Day		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1	To Ballance brought from last Month	11547	31	59
2	To Henry Powney Sea Customer rec'd of him on his running Account	1000	—	—
..	To Robert Orme Commissary receiv'd of him ..	10000	—	—
..	To Gruapah Farmer of Perembore &c^a Villages receiv'd of him in full for one years Rent of that Farm due the 1st. September last when the* Cowle expired	700	—	—
..	To Arcot Rupees receiv'd from the Treasury 30000 @ 360 ꝑ %	8333	12	—
4	To D^o. d^o. 10000 @ 360 ꝑ %	2777	28	—
8	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court receiv'd of the Register on Account of the said Court	51	34	—
..	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper rec^d of him on his running Account	4700	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer rec^d of him on his running Account	700	—	—
..	To Fines and Forfeitures receiv'd of the Mayors Court for a fine Levied by the Clerk of the Market	5	—	—
15	To Current Pagodas rec'd from the Treasury ..	11511	31	40
20	To Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack and Wine License rec'd of them one Months Rent of that Farm due the first November last. fa^s. 12000.	333	12	—
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty receiv'd of them two Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. November last. f^as. 6000	166	24	—
..	To Pitloor Vencata Kistna and Permaul Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers receiv'd of them one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. November last .. .. .. In Gold 200 — — In fas. 466 24 — 16800.	666	24	—

Per Contra Cr.

Day		Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
2	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanc'd him for the Charges of that Employ.	1500	—	—
..	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad A. R. 30,000 @ 360 ꝑ %	8333	12	—
..	By Moota Chelimbrum and †Wydelingum advanced them to provide Soot Romals ..	2000	—	—
3	By Fort St. David sent thither overland by Peons	10000	—	—
4	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad. A. R^s. 10,000 @ 360 ꝑ %	2777	28	—
15	By Fort S^t. David sent thither by Peons overland.	10000	—	—
18	By d^o. d^o.	10000	—	—
20	By the Reverend Father Severini and M^r. Antonia de Medeira paid them one Years Interest on a Bond for 30,000 Rupees deposited in Cash 20th November 1752 @ 6 ꝑ Cent A.R^s. 1800 @ 360 ꝑ %	500	—	—
..	By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation	300	—	—
26	By Madras Pagodas purchased	843	—	—
—	By Batta on M.P. 843 purchased @ 11 1/4 ꝑ Cent	94	30	12
..	By Gundaveddy Vencata and Nella Chitte advanced them on Account of the Investment ..	10,000	—	—
30	By John Smith paymaster advanced him for the Disbursements in that Employ. In Gold 4000 — — In fanams 36,000 1000 — —	5,000	—	—

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Date	Particulars						
20	To Poombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans rec̃d of him six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant when the Cowle expired.				251	—	—
..	To Arcot Rupees receiv'd from the Treasury 1800 @ 360 ₱ %				500	—	—
26	To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury	Rs.	A.	P.	10,000	—	—
30	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper rec̃d of him on his running Account Viz.—						
	In Gold	10,901	—	—			
	In fanams 3,456	96	—	—	10,997	—	—
..	To Henry Powney Sea Customer receiv'd of him on his running Account Vizt.						
	In Gold	6,800	—	—			
	In fanams 3,600	100	—	—	6,900	—	—
..	To Alexander Wynch storekeeper rec'd of him for last Months Ballance of that Account ..				1,971	—	74
30	To William Perceval Land Customer rec'd of him for the last Months Ballance of that Account—						
	In Gold	223	—	—			
	In fanams & Cash 3143-2-0	87	11	2	310	11	2
..	To Moodu Farmer of the Companys old Garden rec'd of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant				98	—	—
..	To Batta gain'd by the Exchange of Pagodas 1000 into fanams at the rate of 41 fas. 30 Ca. ₱ Pagoda, the difference between that real and the Nominal Exchange of 36 fas. ₱ Pagoda being fanams 5,375 @ 36				149	11	—
	Carried over Pags. ..				31176	22	76

Date	Particulars						
30	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ca. next Month ..				7,000	—	—
..	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanc'd him for the Charges of that employ ..				900	—	—
..	By profit and Loss for loss on 396 Gold Mohurs sold being the remains of 442 Gold Mohurs rec'd from Fort St. David as ₱ Cash Account 3d August 1752 Vizt. Prime Cost.						
	396 @ 332 50	1546	31	40			
	Sold 396 3 29	1507	—	—	39	31	40
31	By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..				14452	3	53
	Carried over Pags. ..				83740	33	25

* A lease or grant in writing-Hobson Jobson.

† Towels or Handkerchiefs—Hobson Jobson page 769.

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FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1755—*cont.*

The Hon'ble United Company's Cash—*cont.*

Date	Dr.	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
	Brought over Pagodas ..	31176	22	76
30	To Madras Pagodas for the Ballance of that Account	—	24	10
..	To Rents & Revenues receiv'd of Edmund Maskelyne & Charles Turner as a Fine for a Lease of a Ps. of Ground as ₱ Cowle Book ..	30	—	—
..	To Account Current London rec'd of Ensign David Blake for Account of Mr. George Higginson pursuant to the Orders of the Court of Directors 23 Janry 1754 Para. 94 £ ster 15 @ 7/8	39	5	—
	Pagodas ..	83,740	33	25

Per contra—*cont.*

Date	Cr.	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
	Brought over Pagodas ..	83740	33	25
	Pagodas ..	83,740	33	25

Madras Pagodas.

Date	Dr.	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account..	4,157	24	10
26	To the Hon'ble Company's Cash for Madras Pagodas purchased	843	—	—

Contra.

Date	Cr.	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
30	By Vizagapatam Factory sent thither by Peons.	5,000	—	—
..	By the Hon'ble Companys Cash for the Ballance of this Account transfer'd	24	10	—

Errors Excepted.
₱ George Pigot.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1756*—

AT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY THE 12TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDT. & GOVERNR.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.

MR. PERCEVAL *at Camp.*

MR. SMITH *at DeveCotah.*

MR. BOURCHIER *absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th. Instant read and Sign'd.

Col. Bagshaw Major Lovett &ca. Officers of the Regimt. their Expences on Colonel Heron's Tryal to be paid.

The President acquaints the Board that Major Verney Lovett, on behalf of himself and the other Gentlemen of the Regiment who sat as Members of the Court Martial for the Tryal of Colonel Heron, had made application to the Deputy Governor of Fort St. David (who had sent a Copy of the Letter to the Select Committee) desiring to be paid their Expences on that Occasion amounting to two hundred and sixty one (261) Pagodas on submitting in lieu thereof to be allowed the usual Batta. The President also acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw had wrote to him on the same occasion and left it entirely to the Board to make him what Gratuity they thought proper for his Expences on that Account.

AGREED that the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David be directed to present Colonel Bagshaw with One hundred Pagodas for his Charges &ca. and to pay Major Lovett the Account of Expences by him deliver'd in for himself and the other Gentlemen amounting to two hundred & sixty one Pagodas and that they acquaint him it is not usual to allow Batta except on the Nabobs Service.

20,000 Pagodas to be sent to St. David.

The president informs the Board that the Deputy Governour of Fort St. David has acquainted him in a private Letter that a supply of Twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas will bes hortly wanted for the use of that Settlement.

AGREED that the said Sum be sent by Peons overland.

Companys Sloops & Vessells to be Credited Services.

Agreeable to an Order of last Consultation an Account of the Services of the Hon'ble Companys Sloops & Vessells being drawn out and now laid before the Board for their directions by what Heads to write off the Charges incurred by them ORDER'D that the said Account be enter'd hereafter and that the following heads be debted in the undermention'd sums in the close of the Books Ending 30 April 1755.

SHIP PRINCE GEORGE.

	Pags.
Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn Dr for the Article of the 31st. March 1753 Five hundred Pagodas	500
Fort Marlborough Dr. for the Article of the 11th. April 1753 Two thousand Pagodas	2,000
Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn Dr. for the Article of the 3d. November 1753 Five hundred Pagodas	500
Fort Marlborough Dr. for the second Article of the 3d. November 1753 three thousand Pagodas	3,000
Carried over Pagodas ..	6,000

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Brought over Pagodas ..	6,000
Fort Marlborough Dr. for the Article of the 24th. October Two thousand Pagodas	2,000
Pagodas ..	8,000

ARCOT SNOW.

Negrais* Dr. for the Article of the 11th. January 1753 Three hundred Pagodas	300
D°. for the Article of 1st. April 1753 Three thousand Pagodas ..	3,000
Pagodas ..	3,300

SLOOP FORTUNE.

Negrais Dr. For her whole Expences five hundred and Ninety Nine Pagodas twenty three fanams and sixty nine Cash ..	599	23	69

SLOOP CUDDALORE.

Negrais Dr. for the Article of 12th. March 1753 Two thousand Pagodas	2000	—	-
D°. for the Article of 20th. January 1754 One thousand five hundred Pagodas	1500	—	—
D°. for the Article of 9th. November 1754 one thousand five hundred Pagodas..	1500	—	—
	5000	—	—

SLOOP DRAGON.

FORT ST. DAVID Dr. for the following Articles 1st. May 1753 Three hundred Pagodas	300	—	—
26th. September 1753 Three hundred Pagodas	300	—	—
11th. October 1753 Three hundred Pagodas	300	—	—
14th. February 1754 Three hundred Pagodas	300	—	—
27th. March 1754 Three hundred Pagodas	300	—	—
VIZAGAPATAM FACTORY Dr. for the Article of 8th. Septr. 1754 Two hundred and twenty two Pagodas eight fanams and Nineteen Cash	222	8	19
	1722	8	19

Storekeeper to keep a Book of Account Currt. for the Compy's Sloops & Vessells.

ORDER'D That whenever any of the Companys Vessels are employ'd on any Service the Storekeeper report to the Board the Service they have been so employ'd on that he may receive directions in what Sums & by what Heads to Credit them and that he keep an Account Current Book in which each Vessell is to have a seperate head and to be debted for all Charges incurred for Stores Wages &c. and Credited for the Services perform'd.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.

* At the mouth of the Bassein river, Irrawaddy delta, Burma, Modern Hainggyi.

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FREIGHT DR. TO SHIP PRINCE GEORGE

For the following Trips Vizt.

To Fort St. David. 1753

Sail'd with Military and Kings Stores which employ'd her (9 Days) to the 1st. of April. MARCH 31

To Fort Marlbro.

Sail'd thither with Rice, Salt, Slaves, Military Stores &ca. and return'd 28 September following being 5 Months 9 days. APRIL 11

Deduct for the following Credited by Fort Marlbro for Freight Goods & her Trip there. 1428.24.

To St. David with Military Stores. NOVEMBER 3.

To Fort Marlbro. Do.

With Rice, Salt Goods for packing and Sale, and Military Cloathing and Arriv'd from Batavia with Timber & Plank the 5th. August 1754 being 9 Months 2 days.

To Fort Marlbrough. 1754.

With Europe Stores of all Sorts, Hospitals Cloaths, Salt, Slaves & Rice and arriv'd the 15 April 1755 being 5 Months and 22 days. OCTOBER 24

FREIGHT DR. TO ARCOT SNOW.

For the following Trips Vizt.

To Covelong. 1753

Sail'd thither & Return'd the 14 February Loaded with Salt. JANUARY 11

To the Negrais.

Sail'd thither with Stores &ca. when Mr. Hunter went on that Expedition & Return'd the 13th. January 1755 being employ'd there 1 year, 9 Months & 13 days. APRIL 1

FREIGHT DR. TO SLOOP FORTUNE.

Sail'd with Mr. Hunter in his Expedition to the Negrais and still remains. 1753 APRIL 30

FREIGHT DR. TO SLOOP CUDDALORE.

For the following Trips Vizt.

To Vizagapatam & the Negrais and return'd the 16 February 1754 being 10 Months & 28 days. 1753 MARCH 12

Sail'd for the Negrais with Money, Stores &ca. for that Place and Return'd the 8 October being 7 Months & 28 days. 1754 JANUARY 20

Sail'd for ditto with Money, Stores &ca. for ditto and return'd the 22d. May 1755 being six Months 13 days. NOVEMBER 9.

FREIGHT DR. TO SLOOP DRAGON.

For the following Trips Vizt.

Sail'd for Fort St. David & return'd the 29th. August with Fort St. David Goods, being 3 Months 25 days. 1753 MAY 1

Sail'd for ditto—with Treasure & Goods for Packing & Sale and Return'd the 9th. October with St. David Goods. SEPTEMBER 26.

Sail'd for ditto & Deve Cotah & return'd with ditto the 7th. February. OCTOBER 11.

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1754 February 14. Sail'd for ditto with Lead, Iron, Treasure & Military Stores and Return'd the 7th. March with St. David Goods.

March 27 Sail'd for ditto & DeveCotah & return'd the 4th. September.

September 8. Sail'd for Vizagapatam with Iron, and Return'd the 15th. October with Bales.

13 Receiv'd by Tappies * General Letter from Fort St. David dated 10th. Instant.

15 Sent by Forty Peons Twenty thousand Pagodas to Fort St. David with a General Letter of this date to the Deputy Governour & Council.

16 Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Tellicherry dated 24th. Decr. General Letter from Bombay dated 2 December & Two packets from Europe.

Friday the 16th.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.
Stringer Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.

Mr. Perceval *at Camp.*

Mr. Smith *at Devecotah.*

Mr. Bourchier *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Europe Packets Via Bombay open'd & read.

The Packets receiv'd from Bombay being open'd both of them are found to be of the same tenour and dated the 16 April 1755, but that said to be from the Secret Committee is omitted to be enclosed.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letter read From St. David.

No. 3. From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour & Council at Fort St. David dated the 10th. Instant accompanying their Consultations and Monthly Accounts for November, and acquainting us that the Deputy Governour had inform'd them he found a deficiency in the Cash of One thousand seven hundred and twelve Pagodas twenty one fanams and fifty six Cash (1712.21.56) which he says must be owing to the Companys Shroff whom he solely entrusted with the Charge of it, desiring our directions thereon.

From Bombay.

No. 4. From Richard Bourchier Esqr. President & Council of Bombay, dated 2d. December acquainting Us of the Arrival of Our Hon'ble Masters Ships Edgecote & Houghton from England with five Packets for Us, enclosing those abovementioned and promising to forward the Rest shortly by Pattamars.

From Tellicherry.

No. 5 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 24th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 20th. September & 23d. November acquainting Us of the Arrival of all the ships destin'd for that side of India except the Dodington. That a few days ago a large French ship named the Duke d' Acquitaine imported at Mahé last from Pondicherry, enclosing the Packet beforementioned from Bombay, and advising that they have 3247 Ca. 9 Md. of pepper remaining of last years Crop, which, with what lyes at Anjengo, is near four Ships Cargos, and they as yet know but of two, the Pelham & a ship from Bengal, that the Stretham is arrived there from Bombay & will return in a few days with Stores & Rice and then be dispatch'd for Europe.

From Tellichrry.

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* Tappy for tappaul—a post office; perhaps from Hind *tapna,* to stamp—Vestiges of Old Madras by H. D. Love, Vol. II, page 136.

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Agreed that Pattamars be dispatch'd to Bombay to acknowledge the receit of their Letters and acquaint them of the disposition of the Honble Companys Shipping in different parts agreeable to our late Advices. Pattamars to be dispatch'd to Bombay.

Agreed that a General Letter be wrote to the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort St. David acquainting them that as the Companys Orders are that the Cash keeper shall be answerable for what comes under his Charge We are under a necessity of directing that the Deputy Governour immediately make good the sum that is * wanting, to compleat the true Ballance of the Companys Cash, for as the shroff is properly no more than a Teller the Deputy Governour did very wrong in giving him the sole Charge of the Cash and the risque must therefore be his own, not the Companys. Orders to St. David relating to a deficiency of Cash.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Francis William Massey Surgeons Mate at Fort St. David has represented that his bad state of Health renders him incapable of giving due attendance in the Hospital & therefore he requests to be indulged with the Liberty of residing here some time to endeavour his recovery. Which the Board Consent to, and as an Assistant will be wanted at St. David in his Absence Agreed that Mr. Stephen Briggs, an Assistant in the Kings Hospital recommended as a person properly qualified, be admitted as a Surgeons Mate in the Honble Companys Service and supply the Place of Mr. Massey at Fort St. David untill his return. Mr. Massey Surgeons Mate at St. David permitted to reside here for his recovery. Mr. Step: Briggs appointed in his room.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.

Receiv'd from Fort St. David by the Orange Tree Sloop, arrived there 19
from the West Coast, General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlbro dated 30th. September 1755 And—General Letter from Mr. Roger Carter Resident at Natal dated 11 November with a duplicate of one dated 25 July 1755.

Arriv'd Sloop Nancy, Suttina Syrang[1] from Ingeram with General Letter from the Resident there dated 9 January.

At a Consultation

Present

Monday 19th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.

Mr. Perceval *at Camp.*
Mr. Smith *at DeveCotah.*
Mr. Bourchier *Absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 12th. & 16th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letter read Vizt.

No. 6 From John Pybus Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort Marlbro' dated 30th. September last giving a short Account of the situation of the Companys Affairs there amongst other particulars acquainting Us that the Elizabeth was dispatch'd from Manna[2] the 12th. March last with upwards of Two hundred and sixty six (266) Tons of Pepper & that they hope by the General Letters From Fort Marlbro.

* Shroff properly Siraf, from an Arabic word relating to expenditure. A banker, a dealer in money and exchanges; he ascertains the value of the different currencies, lends money on pledges and other security. Encyclopaedia of India by Edward Balfour, Vol. III, page 613.

1 The Chief of a Lascar Crew, Love's Vestiges, Vol. I, page 547.

2 The name of a district on the south-western side of Sumatra.

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latter end of January to have Two hundred and fifty Tons (250) of surplus Pepper. That the Britannia arriv'd there the 21st. May as did the Prince George from Europe the same day the latter sail'd for Canton the 4th. and the former the 12th. June. That the Store Ship imported the 12th. August and is to proceed in a few days to take in the Pepper at the Northern Settlements. That Mr. Pybus has receiv'd our Commission as Deputy Governour That Messrs. Combes & Carter purpose retuning to England on the Storeship which will encrease their difficulties for want of proper servants, requesting to be supplied with the White Cloth and Rice they Indented for. That Ninety five (95) Military Recruits have been landed there from the Prince George several Detachments of which they have been obliged to send to Natal where some Troubles with the Natives had arisen, but are happily ended, but lest they should revive they desire leave to detain the Military if, We can spare them. That they had purchased Fifty (50) Chests of Ophium out of the Britannia for the supply of Natal (none having been sent there from Bengal) and also a Parcel of Iron of the proper sortment. That all the Plantations from Croe[1] to Moco Moco[2] had been survey'd except Croee which is not yet finished, and they have reason to think it will be attended with a large encrease in due time Advising of sundry Certificates for Money paid into Cash there.

From Natal.

No. 7 and No. 8 from Mr. Roger Carter Resident at Natal, the first dated the 25th. July, the second 11th. November 1755, giving an Account of the Troubles that had arisen there among the Natives and the Measures taken to restore tranquility which has succeeded, also his attempt to make a settlement at Tappanooly[3] without Effect.

From Ingeram.

No. 9 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 9th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 18 December, advising that he has Consign'd Us on the Companys Account by Sloop Nancy Four Bales of Beeteelas[4] brown, the washers there being unacquainted with the Method of Washing those kind of Goods. That he shall dispatch his Bales to us in a few days more with a Muster Bale of each sort according to our order, Enclosing his Account for last month and Annual report, requesting Ten Candys of Iron by the return of the Sloop.

West Coast Letter referred to the Committe.

Agreed that the Letter from Marlborough and Natal be referr'd to the Committee for the Affairs of the West Coast to examine and report.

Ingeram Bales to be landed & Wash'd.

Order'd that the four Bales of Beteelas from Ingeram be landed sorted & Wash'd.

Iron to be sent to Ingeram.

Order'd that the Iron Mr. Westcott writes for be sent by his Sloop on her Return.

Boat people &ca having left the Bounds.

The President acquaints the Board that in Consequence of the resolution in Consultation the 30th. Ultimo in regard to Boats he had endeavour'd to regulate them accordingly but that the Head Men in order to prevent its Effect had left the Bounds and carried with them all the Boat Cooleys, Cattamaran[5] Men and Fishers, so that should any Vessells arrive before some means are found to bring them back or supply their place with others, the want of Boats must be of infinite prejudice to the Settlement Agreed that Publick Notice be given by Beat of Tom Tom that if the Proprietors of the Boats and the Cooleys will return in six days they shall be well receiv'd, but in failure that their Boats and Houses shall be Confiscated to the Companys Use.

Notice to be given if they dont return in 6 days their Boats &ca. to be Confiscated.

A person to be entertain'd to teach the Persian Language.

Several of the Companys servants being desirous of learning the Persian Language and Our Honble Masters having directed that they be encouraged therein agreed that a Person qualified to teach the Language be entertain'd in the Companys service for that purpose. And

1 A town and district of the country of the Lampongs on the South-west Coast of Sumatra.
2 A town and district on the West Coast of Sumatra.
3 A town north of the Bay of the same name on the West-Coast of Sumatra.
4 The name of a kind of Muslin—Hobson-Jobson.
5 A raft formed of 3 or 4 logs of wood lashed together—Hobson-Jobson, page 173.

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Mr. Henry Vansittart having made great progress in the Persian Language AGREED that he be repaid the Expences he has been at for a Teacher. & Mr. H. Vansittart to be paid his Charges on that Account.

Letter from Mr. Edward Edwards one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court, read as enter'd hereafter representing that being render'd incapable of Attending to that Duty as he ought by reason of his bad state of Health, He therefore requests leave to resign his Office of an Alderman of the said Court Which is Granted, the Board being satisfied of the Truth of his Allegations and reasonableness of his request. Mr. Edwards desires to resign his office of Alderman. Granted.

A Draft of the Accomptant General of the Mayors Court for Six hundred and sixty four Pagodas two fanams and twenty Cash (664.2.20) payable to Messrs. Daniel Morse and Claud Russell Account the Estate of Bobjon Matheus being presented to the Board, duly Certified by the Companys Book keeper ORDER'D that the same be paid. Draft of the Accompt General. to be paid.

Agreeable to Resolution in Consultation 11 August that a Seat should be fitted up in the Church for the Governour at the Companys Expence in the manner it was before the Loss of this Settlement, the whole being compleated a Bill of the Cost amounting to One hundred and forty three Pagodas, twenty eight fanams (143.28) is now laid before the Board and Order'd to be paid. Bill for the Govrs. seat in the Church. to be paid.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas on his running Account. Import Warehk. pays into Cash.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee pay in the following Rents Vizt. Rent paid in.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas, twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo. Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

And Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333.12) for one Months Rent of the Arrack and Wine Licence due the 1st. Ultimo. Arrack & Wine Licence.

AGREED that One thousand (1000) Pagodas be advanced the Military Storekeeper for the Charges of that Employ. Advance to the Military Storekr.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

You have done me the Honour to Elect me a Member of the Honourable Mayors Court a place which I am extreamly sorry I cannot attend so often, and so regular, as I could wish, my Indisposition not permitting me, I therefore shall esteem it as a favour if your Honour &ca. will give me the Liberty to resign.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hum: Servts.
EDWARD EDWARDS

FORT ST. GEORGE,
JANUARY 19TH. 1756.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1756*—

20. Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

24. Sent by Pattamar General Letter to Bombay dated this day.

27. Arriv'd the Hoñble Company's Ship Eastcourt Captain Arthur Evans from Bengal with General Letters from the Gentlemen there, dated the 5th. & 9th. Instant, and one from Ingellee[1] of the 13th. also a Packet from Mr. Henry Brooke Chief at the Nagrais which was receiv'd at Bengal by the Bonetta Sloop.

— Arriv'd Schooner Fanny Gruah from Upparah.

WEDNESDAY the 28th.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

MR. SMITH *at DeveCotah.*

MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 19th. January read and Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Bandermalanka.

No. 10 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka[2] dated the 7th. January 1756 acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 23d. November and 18th. December, and returning Thanks for our passing in his Accounts the Amount of the Buildings he had erected there, requesting leave to Build an Armoury, Powder House, Cloth Godown and a Wall round the whole Work which are much wanted there, and he computes will amount to about Five or Six hundred Pagodas. That his Bales shall be dispatched so as to be with Us by the end of the Month. Cloth on hand Embaled L.C.O. 114 Corge L.C.M. 15 Corge, L.C.F. 20 Corge. At the Wash L.C.O. Co. ps. 92.6. L.C.M. Cor. ps. 28 1 L.C.F. Co. ps. 30.8. In all Cor. ps. 299.15.

From Bengal

No. 11 & No. 12 From the President and Council at Fort William. The first dated the 5th. January acquainting Us that they had receiv'd ours of the 13th. October by Pattamar. That the Denham not being return'd from the Negrais they have deferr'd sending the Duke of Dorset to Tellicherry, that they may not be disappointed of a ship to carry home the Bales they shall have ready by the end of this Month. That they now dispatch the Eastcourt to us and have laden on her Three hundred (300) Tons of Salt Petre and Thirty (30) Tons of Redwood as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed, leaving to Us to take out as much of the Salt Petre as necessary to make Room for our Bales. That they have likewise laden on her and Consign'd to Us Two thousand (2000) Bags of Rice on the Hoñ'ble Companys Account. That they have also put on board the proportion of Stores for the use of St. Helena and sent the Gentlemen there the Invoice & Bill of Lading. That Mr. William Billers is to dispatch the Ship from Ingellee who will advise Us of the needful from thence. Enclosing the Eastcourts Charter Party &ca. desiring if We should make them any large Remittances of Treasure before the Arrival of the next shipping that We will send forty (40) Chests of it in Bullion and the Remainder in Madras Rupees. The other dated the 8 Instant acquainting Us that since their last the Bonetta Sloop has return'd from the Negrais with Advices from Mr. Brooke concerning the Denham which Ship they hourly expect in the

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1 A small marshy district on the western side of the month of Hoogley river. It is the sea coast division of the Midnapore district. Job Charnock occupied the place in 1687 on behalf of the East India Company—Imperial Gazetteer of India Vol. XIII, page 116.

2 Village, port, Amalapuram taluk, East Godavari District.

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River, but as she has suffered very much by lying at that place they apprehend it will be necessary for her to come up to Town to refit which will occasion great delay and make her Dispatch for Europe late, however they shall do all they can to expedite her as early as possible. That Mr. Brooke having made Indents for a large quantity of Stores of all kinds, they took the Liberty to open his Packet design'd for Us to see if he expected to be supplied with those Stores by them only or by Us, which they hope We will excuse, assuring us of their ready Complyance with the Indents the Amount of which they shall debit Us for. That the last time the Cuddalore Sloop left that place Captain Hammond was supplied with a spar for a Bowsprit, which having been omitted in the Account Disbursements before sent Us, They desire We will Credit them for the Amount of, being A. Rupees Two hundred (200).

No. 13 From Mr. William Billers dated at Ingellee the 13th. Instant advising the dispatch of the Eastcourt from thence to Us with her draft of Water and enclosing the usual Papers. Ingelie.

No. 14 & No. 15 From Mr. Henry Brooke Chief at the Negrais, receiv'd via Bengal, The first (being a Duplicate the Original whereof is not yet receiv'd) dated the 17 October advising Us that since closing his last dated Negrais. the preceeding day, the Cuddalore Sloop arrived with our Letter of the 8 September and as our Orders in regard to the Denham are not determinate he had detain'd her, as the Attendance of a Europe ship is indispensably necessary both for the Defence of the Settlement & for supplying the want of Godowns for Provisions and Magazines for Powder and Stores, as those Godowns they have hitherto been able to erect being only composed of sticks & Covered with Grass are liable to Accidents which might inevitably ruin them. as they cannot possibly have any supplies from the Country & for this reason it was that they kept always a Reserve on board the Denham. That by this Conveyance to Bengal he Indents to the Gentlemen there for Coolies & People that he may be enabled to erect Brick Buildings for stores and to secure himself from the attempts of a Country Enemy. The other dated the 7 December acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 21st. October with the Military for that Settlemen by the Prince George which Ship arrived the 1st. Instant and acquainting us that the Arcot Snow being still at Syrian with the Treasure on board he imagines she must be forcibly detain'd as she has had sufficient time & fair Weather to have made her passage long since. That the Gentlemen at Bengal having wrote to him by the Boneta Sloop the 10th. November desiring him to return the Denham as soon as possible these Advices threw him into some difficultys, which were removed by the Arrival of the Prince George. That as soon as the Stores and Provisions are transported from the Denham to the Prince George, he proposes to dispatch the former to Bengal with the utmost Expedition. That the Captain of the Prince George having inform'd him that his ship is by no means in a Condition to remain there a season, He has acquainted the Gentlemen at Bengal with it and desired they would send a ship proper both for the Defence of the settlement, and the receiving their stores which, should they comply with he shall then forward the Prince George to Bengal agreeable to our directions. That the extreme Sicklyness of the season and the many Deaths that have happen'd particularly Mr. Pecuda's has put it out of his power to regulate the Company Books & Papers in the Manner he could wish & especially as hehimself is fallen into so bad a state of Health that it is impossible for him to go thro the Business of the Settlement. He theefore begs leave to return to the Coast by the first Conveyance as the only means he has left to save his Life. That Ensign John Dyer being also in a bad state of Health requests permission to return to Fort St. George. That he proposes to return the Cuddalore sloop to the Coast by the first of January and on her to send the Occurrence & other Papers relating to the settlement as fully as he can, but veen then he fears he shall fall short of what he could desire, as he was obliged to dictate this from a sick bed.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1756—

Mr. Andrews not to erect any more buildings.

Agreed to write Mr. Andrews at Bandarmalanka that in the present uncertain state of affairs We cannot permit him to erect the Buildings he desires, but that when We receive Answers from Europe to the Provisional Treaty We shall acquaint him with our Resolution.

Sundrys to be landed from the Eastcourt.

Order'd that the Rice Consign'd to this Presidency from Bengal by the Eastcourt be landed and One hundred Tons of the Salt Petre, and that the remaining two hundred Tons of Salt Petre be continued on board untill a certain Calculate can be made of what Number of Bales can be got ready in time to be laden for Europe.

Consideration of the Negrais Affairs deferr'd till further Advices.

As Mr. Brooke mentions that he proposes dispatching the Cuddalore Sloop hither in this Month, Agreed that the Consideration of the Affairs of that Island be deferr'd untill the receit of those Advices.

Rupees to be sold.

There being but a small Ballance of Pagodas remaining in the Treasury and Cash Chest, and Linga Chittee offering to purchase thirty thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees at the present price of 362 Rs. for 100 Pagodas on the following terms. Vizt.

A. Rs. 36200	to be deliver'd him now & to be paid for the 8 Febry	P 10,000
54300	8th Febry & paid for the 28th Do. ..	15,000
18100	28th. Do. 20th March	5,000
108600	A.Rs. @ 362 for 100 Pagodas	30,000

Agreed that the said Proposal be accepted.

Thomas Eyres Sea Customer & Paymr.

Mr. Perceval being return'd from Camp now lays before the Board pursuant to a Minute of Consultation the 28th. July all the Papers in his Possession relating to the Accounts and transactions of the late Mr. Thomas Eyre Sea Customer and Paymaster Vizt.

Thomas Eyre Sea Customer foul Cash Accounts 1746.

Do. Extracts of sums receiv'd & paid on Companys Account as Sea Customer and Paymaster.

Do. Sea Customers Account Current April 1746 Narrains Account.

He also acquaints the Board that he had in his Possession another Book of Mr. Eyre's Accounts from which the several Papers No. 1 @ 9 transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors, were partly extracted but that the said Book has by some Accident been lost or mislaid and has never come to his Possession since those Extracts were made. The Secretary being called upon for Copies of those Extracts acquaints the Board that the late President Thomas Saunders Esqr. revised those Accounts and made the Extracts himself from which two fair Copies were taken and sent to England, but the Original Extracts not being in his possession he imagines Mr. Saunders has taken them with him to Europe.

Order'd that the abovemention'd Papers together with Extracts of the General Letters to and from the Honble Court of Directors on this subject, and Mr. Jone's remarks be laid before the Committee of Accounts, to whom it is referr'd to make a new statement if they find sufficient Grounds from these Materials and report the same.

Annual Accot. of the Mint Customs.

The President lays before the Board (as enter'd hereafter) an Account of the produce of the Mint Customs for the last year ending 31st. Ultimo compared with those of the preceding year, whereby there appears an encrease in the

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Custom on Madras Pagodas of One thousand and thirty Madras Pagodas (1030) and a Decrease on Current Pagodas of two thousand four hundred and forty three Current Pagodas, two fanams (2443.2.)

Do Sea and Land Customer 1755.

The Sea and Land Customer delivers in (as entered hereafter) the state of those Revenues respectively Collected by them for the last twelve Months ending the 31st. Ultimo compared with those of the Year 1754. By the Sea Customers Account there appears so large a decrease on the Article of Grain Anchorage but Chiefly the former, that altho the Custom on other Merchandise is encreas'd One thousand seven hundred and forty seven Pagodas six fanams and twenty one Cash (1747. 6. 21) yet the decrease on the whole Sea Customs this Year is Pagodas Two thousand three hundred and sixty four, nine fanams and sixty three Cash (2364. 9. 63). By the Land Customer's Account there appears an Encrease of Pagodas Seven hundred and forty nine, thirteen fanams and seventy seven Cash (749. 13. 77) arising chiefly from a larger quantity of Tenasseree paintings and St. Thome' Goods.

Annua Account of Town Conicoplys duty & Net Ballance paid in.

The Sea and Land Customiers also deliver in (as enter'd hereafter) the Accounts of the Town Conicoplys' Duty for the year 1755 as severally collected by them at the Sea Gate and Choultry and pay in the Net Ballance thereof Vizt.

Sea Customer	422	31	—
Land Customer	57	35	70
Pags. ...	480	30	70

The Net amount of these Dutys last year being Pagodas 556. 30. 26 they are decreas'd this Year Pagodas 75. 35. 36.

Account sale of Broad Cloth.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board (as enter'd hereafter) an Account Sale of One hundred and one Bales of Broad Cloth & Perpetuannoes sold at Outcry the 23d. Instant amounting to Pagodas 10679.

Certificate from Fort Marlbro.

A Certificate from the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort Marlbro dated 19th. September 1755 for $ 526. 2. 72 at $ 16½ ₩ 10 Pagodas or Pagodas 319. 2. 16 received into Cash thereof Mr. Richard Preston and payable here to Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart is now presented and Order'd to be paid.

Mr. Edward's Resignation read.

The Board having at the last Consultation upon the Request of Mr. Edwar [*sic*] Edwards to Resign his Office of Alderman permitted him to do so, the Secretary now lays before the Board his Resignation under his hand and Seal in due form which is oder'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Mr. James Alexander Chosen an Alderman.

Mr. James Alexander being thereupon proposed to fill up the Vacancy occasioned by Mr. Edwards resignation is unanimously elected and Chosen to be an Alderman of the Mayors Court of Madraspatnam &ca.

Order'd that due Notice be given him thereof as well as the said Court.

Notice from the Mayor's Court of a Vacancy. Letter to be enter'd.

A Letter from the Register of the Mayor's Court dated 20th January 1756 read, signifying that the seat of Mr. Edward Edwards late one of the Aldermen and Judges of that Court being become vacant by resignation they request that the Vacancy may be filled up as soon as possible. Order'd that the said Letter be enter'd hereafter.

Land Customer's Ballance for last Month paid.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Five hundred and ten pagodas twenty nine fanams and one Cash (510. 29. 1) for last Months Ballance of that Account.

Banksall Rent paid.

Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall[3] pays in Two hundred Pagodas for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

1 Conicopoly (literally Accountant-man), native clerk or writer—Hobson-Jobson p. 246.

2 The name of a cloth. It appears to have been a light and glossy twilled stuff or wool-Hobson-Jobson.

3 Ware-house, specially Government Warehouse for Salt, Tobacco, etc.—C. D. Maclean's Manual of the Administration of Madras Presidency, Vol. III, p. 72.

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Advances to the Paymaster.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash.

To the Paymaster seven thousand (7000) Pagodas for Disbursements in that Employ.

Military Paymr.

To the Military Paymaster Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas to pay the Military &ca. next Month.

Mint Ballance to be paid.

And that two hundred and seventy six Pagodas thirty five fanams and forty five Cash (276. 35. 45) be paid the Mint Master for last Months Ballance of Current Pagodas due to the Mint.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Pownery.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

Abstract of Mint Customs for the year 1754 and 1755.

1754.		M.P.	Currt. P.	fa.	Ca.	1755.		M.P.	Cut. P	fa.	Ca
Janry	Amounted ..	24	..	31	25	Janry	Amounted ..	180	...	34	15.
	D°. ..	..	45	14	55		D°. ..	..	10	4	10
Febry	D°. ..	74	..	21	20	Febry	D°. ..	69	...	24	70
March	D°. ..	49	..	2	40	March	D°. ..	236	..	16	30
April	D°. ..	29	..	25	45	April	D°. ..	187	..	6	40
May	D°. ..	65	..	1	65	May	D°. ..	254	..	34	60
	D°. ..	..	37	27	..	June	D°. ..	263	1	19	15
June	D°. ..	180	..	8	..		D°. ..	..	40	27	30
	D°. ..	..	221	18	45	July	D°. ..	172	..	25	45
July	D°. ..	6	..	18	..		D°. ..	..	99	24	25
	D°. ..	..	658	3	65	August	D°. ..	129	..	25	..
August	D°. ..	96	..	15	70		D°. ..	..	26	15	10
	D°. ..	..	248	2	20	Septr.	D°. ..	159	..	7	70
Septr.	D°. ..	21	..	9	..		D°. ..	..	62	33	25
October	D°. ..	290	..	28	50	Octr.	D°. ..	141	..	8	20
	D°. ..	..	976	21	40		D°. ..	..	10	9	20
Novr.	D°. ..	36	..	15	70	Novr.	D°. ..	146	..	35	65
	D°. ..	..	485	..	30	Decr.	D°. ..	67	..	22	10
Decr.	D°. ..	103	..	2	30						
	D°. ..	..	23	35	50						
	Mads. Pag. ..	973	2701	16	..		Mads. Pagodas. ..	2003	258	14	..
	Increased ..	1030	..	..	..		Decreased ..	..	2443	2	..
	Mads. Pag ...	2003	2701	16	..		Mads. Pagodas. ..	2003	2701	16	..

Difference of the Sea Customs between the Year 1754 & 1755.

	Custom on Goods						Custom on Grain						Anchorage					
	1754 Pags.			1755 Pags.			1754 Pags.			1755 Pags.			1754 Pags.			1755 Pags.		
January ..	601	6	72	2078	27	56	542	28	8	61	31	48	6	..	..	14	18	..
February ..	1967	19	..	1996	30	8	1310	14	8	233	35	44	73	..	..	28	..	..
March ..	1256	5	28	1810	7	46	1920	10	76	184	17	68	93	18	..	61	18	..
April ..	2211	19	24	2824	11	24	1182	16	36	199	10	28	56	18	..	33	..	..
May ..	3272	21	24	5053	4	..	533	25	48	703	22	72	56	..	..	12	..	..
June ..	5044	25	76	4123	6	60	406	6	60	292	2	24	40	..	..	56	..	..
July ..	1581	21	8	1587	9	28	117	10	16	123	27	12	124	18	..	77	18	..
August ..	2159	6	72	2350	4	67	41	5	40	157	9	36	59	18	..	46	18	..
September ..	1570	33	60	1403	12	40	26	14	8	213	33	56	78	18	..	78	18	..
October ..	4120	16	64	2617	12	76	50	5	36	105	26	72	81	18	..	70	..	..
November ..	6405	29	61	5927	25	45	..	..	..	38	29	20	9	..	..	2	..	..
December ..	353	12	20	520	..	..	87	35	68	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	..
	30545	2	29	32292	8	50	6218	29	4	2314	31	..	688	..	..	480	18	..
Increase ..	1747	6	21	..	..	..	Decrease		..	3903	34	4	Decrease			207	18	..
	32292	8	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	6218	29	4	..			688	..	..
Decrease on Grain this year is ..					..			..		3903	34	4						
D°. on Anchorage ..					..			..		207	18	..	4111	16	4			
Increase on Goods ..					..			..			..		1747	6	21			
Total Decrease this Year Pagodas ..													2364	9	63			

The Decrease of Pagodas 3903 34 4 in the Custom on Grain is occasioned by a less quantity imported from the Northward than in the preceeding year; & the Decrease of Pagodas 207 18—in the Anchorage proceeds from a less number of Boats coming to the Port than in the foregoing year.

Fort St. George,
31 December 1755.

Henry Powney.
Sea Customer.

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Abstract of the Land Customs for the Year 1754 & 1755 Compared with each Other.

1754.					1755.				
Janr^y.	P.	429	30	8	Janry	P.	427	14	49
Feb^y.		534	34	10	Febry.		643	11	4
Mar.		425	—	49	Mar.		684	26	66
Ap^l.		931	9	8	April		806	35	48
May		712	24	28	May		661	35	9
June		521	21	69	June		952	11	31
July		568	27	26	July		396	23	69
Aug^t.		586	8	62	Aug^t.		521	33	50
Sept^r.		582	14	13	Sept^r.		694	21	18
Oct^r.		595	2	77	Oct^r.		415	—	57
Nov^r.		85	3	3	Nov^r.		310	11	2
Dec^r.		303	27	54	Dec^r.		510	29	1
		6276	24	7			7026	2	4
Increased ..		749	13	77					
Pagodas ..		7026	2	4	Pagodas ..		7026	2	4

The Increase in the Custom this year is Occasion'd by a large Quantity of Tenassaree Paintings & for S^t. Thome' Goods.

Willm. Perceval,
Land Cust^r.

An Account of the Town Conicoplys Duty Collected at the Sea Gate 1755.

January	P.	21	6	5			
February		42	8	35			
March		57	8	—			
April		107	26	60			
May		139	13	70			
June		39	34	—			
July		42	28	30			
August		52	15	25			
September		36	13	60			
October		31	7	—			
November		—	22	70			
December		1	26	45			
		572	31	—			
Deduct the Usual Allowances—							
To the Town Conicoply .. .. P. 100 — —							
To the Collector .. .. .. 50 — —							
		150	—	—			
					422	31	—

In Gold Pag^s. ...	218	—	—
In fanams 7375.	204	31	—
	422	31	—

Henry Powney,
Sea Cust^r.

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AN ACCOUNT OF DUTIES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN CONICOPLY ON GOODS BY THE LAND CUSTOMER ANNO 1755.

Janry	10	3	22	62				
	21	1	1	69				
	31	—	29	5				
						5	17	56
Febry	11	1	27	77				
	18	2	4	20				
	28	—	23	78				
						4	20	15
March	7	—	34	10				
	18	1	2	33				
	31	1	26	60				
						3	27	23
April	8	—	25	66				
	19	1	33	26				
	25	—	25	75				
	30	—	5	30				
						3	18	37
May	6	1	3	13				
	20	2	3	27				
	31	1	29	43				
						5	—	3
June	10	2	11	20				
	20	2	18	51				
	30	3	13	70				
						8	7	61
July	16	P. —	32	26				
	31	3	15	30				
						4	11	56
August	13	2	30	2				
	23	2	28	4				
	30	—	19	40				
						6	5	46
September	6	1	7	2				
	13	—	26	41				
	30	—	15	58				
						2	13	21
October	20	2	8	20				
	31	2	8	41				
						4	16	61
Novemr.	8	—	35	55				
	18	—	31	67				
	28	1	28	20				
						3	23	62
Decemr.	10	1	26	57				
	17	—	10	—				
	24	1	22	44				
	31	2	30	8				
						6	17	29
			In fas. PAGODAS ..			57	35	70

WILLM. PERCEVAL,
Land Custr.

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I EDWARD EDWARDS one of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court at Madrasspatnam for divers good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moving do by these presents Resign Surrender and Yield up my said Place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining UNTO George Pigot Esqr. President and Governour of Fort St. George and the Council thereof and to the President and Council for the time being. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal in FORT ST. GEORGE the Nineteenth day of January in the Twenty ninth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

EDWARD EDWARDS (*L.S.*).

WITNESS.
JOHN SPRAT.
AB: BROWNE.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Seal of Mr. Edward Edwards late one of the Aldermen and Judges of the Honble the Mayors Court being become vacant by resignation I am directed by the said Court to Acquaint Your Honour &ca. thereof that the Vacancy may be filled up as soon as possible.

I am with Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servant,

DANIEL MORSE,
Regr

FORT ST. GEORGE,
JANUARY 20TH. 1756.

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HON^BLE^ COMPANYS BROAD CLOTH &C^A^. BY PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZ^T^.

The time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot of Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
23^d^. January 1756.	Broad Cloth 2 Aurora * 2 Ord^y^. Red. 2 Green.	6 Bales.	P. 500 3 60	P. 575 — —	..	P. 576	Bussovapah Chittee.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	Do.	D^o^.	..	576	Arnagady Chittee.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	D^o^.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	D^o^.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	Paupah Chittee.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	Do.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	Sheally Chittee.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	D^o^.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	Chungarah Chittee.
	D^o^.	6 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	576	D^o^.
	Perpetuannoes fine scarlet.	3 D^o^.	D^o^. 414 20 20	477 — —	..	478	Arnagady Chittee
	D^o^.Ord^y^.2 Red 2 Emerald Green.	4 D^o^.	D^o^. 371 31 40	428 — —	..	431	Singanah.
	D^o^.	4 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	433	D^o^.
	D^o^.	4 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	431	Teagapah Chittee.
	D^o^.	4 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	431	Vencaty Ramah Chittee.
	D^o^. Emerald Green.	4 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	431	Nagoody Chittee.
	D^o^.	4 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	445	Bussovapah Chittee.
	D^o^.	4 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	456	D^o^.
	D^o^. 1 Emerald Green. 2 Pop^y^ do.	3 D^o^.	D^o^. 291 16 40	D^o^. 342 — —	..	344	D^o^.
	D^o^. D^o^.	3 D^o^.	D^o^.	D^o^.	..	344	D^o^.
	D^o^. 2 Broad red 2 Emerald Green.	4 D^o^.	D^o^. 603 — —	D^o^. 694 — —	..	695	D^o^.
		101 Bales.			Pag^s^.	10679	

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.
₰ HENRY POWNEY,
Import Warehousekeeper.

* Woollen fabric—Love's Vestiges—Index Volume.

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28 Arriv'd Sloop Chance Peter Carstairs from Bengal.

— Do. Brigantine three Brothers, Antonio Fernandes from Pegue.

— Do. Snow Don Carlos, Ballea from Ingeram with General Letter from the Resident dated 21st. Instant.

— Sailed Sloop Nancy, Suttinah, for Ingeram.

29 Arrived sloop Philippina, William Ballingol from Bengal.

— Sent by Pattamar General Letter to Ingeram dated this day.

30 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David dated 27 Instant.

31 Arrived Brigantine Alla Doulat Thomas Holmes from Bengal.

FEBRUARY.

1. February Arrived snow Fortune Owen Williams from Bandarmalanka with General Letter from the Resident dated 27 January.

Monday the 2d.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.

Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.

Willm. Perceval.

Mr. Smit *at Deve Cotah.*

Mr. Bourchier *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 28th. Ultimo read and Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Ingeram.

No. 16 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 21st. January advising that he has laden and Consigned to us by the snow Don Carlos on the Honble Companys Account Two hundred fifty six Bales (256) of Callicoes amounting to Pagodas Twenty two thousand five hundred and twenty one Nineteen fanams and fifty one Cash (22521.19.51) that five Bales of each sort are cured without Conjee or Beating which the Ticket in Bale mentions, that he has also sent a Bale Muster of each sort of Goods Manufactured thereabouts and not before sent to Europe and that the remainder of his Investment being about Fifty Bales (50) more shall be sent in a few days. That he has also sent Us by the same Vessell four Guns of that Garrison which are Judged unfit for service and desires they may be replaced. Enclosing Indent for stores and promising to send his Account Quick Stock with the rest of his Bales.

From Fort St. David.

No. 17 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 27th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 15th. & 20th. with Twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas Enclosing Indents for sundry stores, Civil & Militray desiring particularly. We will send the Angelee[2] and Mango plank to Build three New Mussolahs,[3] and the Redwood Piles for the Works. Enclosing Copy of a Letter from the Military Storekeeper regarding his Employ and rqu esting our directions thereon advising that they have Two hundred and Fifty three (253) Bales on hand but have no Conveyance except the Dagon Sloop which cannot carry above eighty (80) Bales they therefore desire We will think of one in time enclosing also a List of sundry sorts of Goods in their Import Warehouse for which there is no demand and having lain there a long time some of them are damaged, that they believe the Coloured Broad Cloth Velvets, Culjeed Flannels and Emboss'd Cloth may sell at Outcry but the stuffs they fear will not go off.

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1 Calico—Cotton cloth, ordinarily of tolerably fine texture—Hobson Jobson.

2 A wood of great value on the W. Coast, for ship building, house-building, etc.—Hobson—Jobson page 30.

3 The surf boat used on the Coromandel Coast—Hobson—Jobson, page 602.

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No. 18 From Mr. John Andrews Residing at Bandarmalanka dated 27th. January advising that he has sent us by the Fortune snow on the Honble Companys Account One hundred and one (101) Bales of Cloth, that he has also sent a small Bale of Percauls[1] which is the only sort of Goods Manufactured there that he thinks will Answer to the Company and if these are approved any Quantity may be procured, that no kind of Betteelas are made there, acquainting us that he encloses Indent * for sundry stores which he desires may be sent by the return of the Vessell. That the greatest part of the Gunpowder is for Jaggerpett Rauze whom he would willingly oblige and who will pay for it and that the Tar is also for sale enclosing Account Quick Stock Annual Report and Muster Roll. That he is in want of the common scarlet Cloth for Annual Prosents fine Scarlet having been sent last Year instead of it. That an early supply of Cash will greatly forward the Investment That the remainder of his Cloth shall be sent next Month. **From Bandarmalanka.**

ORDER'D that the Northern Bales be sorted as soon as possible and reembaled. **Northern Bales to be sorted.**

ORDER'D that the several Indents abovemention'd be complied with that the Redwood Piles be sent to Fort St. David as soon as possible and that the Gentlemen there be directed to purchase Anjellee & Mango Plank there as We have none here, that they be also directed to send up the Dragon Sloop with as many Bales as she can carry and take the first Opportunity that may offer to send the rest & in the meantime should We find any means of providing a Conveyance We shall immediately advise them, that in regard to the Articles remaining in their Warehouse, the double Colour'd Broad Cloth may be sent up hither that such of the other Articles as are damaged must be sold at Outcry and if the rest will not go off on the usual terms it must remain in the Warehouse that in regard to the particulars in the Storekeepers Address whereon they desire our directions, a Diary of the Expence of stores is order'd to be kept by the Officers. The Military are to keep their arms in Order at their own Expence and no repairs are to be made by the Company but such as become necessary by real service or unavoidable Accidents that all stores Issued to the Seapoys are to be charged to the Nabob, and that if the Armourer charged on the Storehouse Books is so disabled as to be incapable of Duty there he must be put on the Pension List. **Indents to be complied with. Fort St. David to be wrote to in answer to the aforegoing.**

Letter from the Accountant read as enter'd hereafter, and is particularly referr'd to, the purport being to acquaint the Board of the state in which he found the General Books and the Adjustments that are now Compleated under the Heads of Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Ganjam, Maddapollam, Fort St. David and Fort Marlbro' which have never before been adjusted with the Books of those settlements since the loss of Madras. That in Order to render their adjustment the more clear he had been necessitated to open a regular Journal and Ledger of Adjustments for each Head the Concluding Ballance Entries of which Journals are the Entries of Adjustments on the General Books. These Journals and Ledgers are now laid before the Board. He also now lays before the Board the Accounts Current of the Companys Sloops and Vessells adjusted which have hitherto been neglected. By all which Adjustments a very large sum will be wrote off to the Loss of this Presidency in the Books Ending April 1755. He also represents to the Board that the Deve Cotah Books still remain to be settled as well as the Head of Materials under the care of John Brohier both which shall be done in the next Books and have necessarily been deferr'd on account of the time and attention given to the abovementioned Adjustments. He also acquaints the Board that by the share Mr. Alexander has had in this Labour he has great reason to be satisfied with his application and ability and that Mr. Pelling (who was taken into the Office to assist in this Business) merits the Consideration of the Board. **Letter from the Accomptant with the Account Adjustments of the General Books with those of the subordinates. Also Account Current of Company's vessels.**

* N. B. This indent was omitted to be sent.

1 Percalla—Spangled cloth—Loves Vestiges, Index Volume page 129.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756——

The Board's thanks return'd to Mr. Orme.
Mr. Alexander Commended.

The Board receive with great satisfaction the Adjustments now laid before them and return Mr. Orme their thanks for his care and trouble in this necessary work and the secretary is Order'd to acquaint Mr. Alexander that the Board being inform'd of the share he has had in this Labour are well satisfied with his Assiduity and are pleased to find he renders himself so well deserving of their Notice.

200 pagodas to be given Mr. Pelling and he is to continue as a Monthly Writer.

Mr. Thomas Pelling having been taken into the Accomptants Office to assist in making these Adjustments and Mr. Orme acquainting the Board that he has been very usefull thro the whole as well as in fairly transcribing the Books now laid before the Board.

Agreed that two hundred Pagodas be given him as a Gratuity for his Trouble, and that he be continued in the Accomptants Office as a Monthly Writer untill the business there be entirely adjusted and regulated.

The Books of Adjustments to be sent Home.

Order'd that the Books of Adjustments be sent home with the General Books by the Eastcourt now under Dispatch.

The secretary lays before the Board a state of the Duties of Chindadreepettah Pagoda.

The Secretary lays before the Board Account of the Duties by him Collected on Account of Chindadreepettah Pagoda for the year 1754 whereby it appears that the whole amount of the Duties of which he has been able to get any Account from the Inhabitants is Two hundred and sixty four (264) Pagodas and Thirty nine thousand Two hundred and two fanams and forty six Cash (39202.5 [*sic*]) and that after deducting thereout the Charge of the Pagoda and Servants Wages and writing off Twenty nine Pagodas Four thousand nine hundred and sixty seven fanams and thirty five Cash P. 29. F. 4967. C 35 which (of these known Duties) the Persons absolutely refuse to pay, the nett Ballance paid and to be paid into Cash for the whole Year is no more than Seventy three Pagodas Eighteen thousand fanams and fifty one Cash (73.18005[*sic*].51) or at the rate of thirty six (36) fanams ₱ Pagoda, Pagodas Five hundred and seventy three five fanams and fifty one Cash (573.5.51) whereas Jaggoo in his petition to the Court of Directors mentioned in their Commands of the 23d. August 1751 undertook to pay yearly into their Cash Pagodas Two thousand (2000) in discharge of the debt due to the Company by the Managers of that Pagoda & Pettah. The Secretary further acquaints the Board thot it is with the greatest difficulty he has been able to Collect even the sum as the people in General are greatly dissatisfied and Murmer at it, and that many persons (a List of whom he now lays before the Board) absolutely refuse to pay or to give any Account at all andthere are no oher means of obtaining any but from their own private Accounts.

Considerations thereon.

The Board having Considered the Original Intention of this Duty, the Companys directions and recommendations the representations made to them on the subject and weighing also the present state of the settlement and the general discontent of the Inhabitants that this Contribution Originally intended for religious purposes should be apply'd to other uses, and finding themselves without any legal power to compel such of the Inhabitants to pay who refuse it whereby they are daily exposed to have their Orders disregarded the bad Effects of which are obvious, upon all these Considerations the Board think it more for the General good of the settlement to abolish these Duties than attempt any rigorous Measures for obliging the Inhabitants to pay them.

The Duties abolished.

It is therefore Agreed that no further Duties be levied on the Inhabitants on Account of Chindadree Pettah and Pagodas but that if any Persons should be inclin'd to make any free Gift towards supporting the said Pagodas they may be at Liberty to do so provided no Articles for Trade be thereby burthen'd.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756*——

ORDER'D that a Copy of the List of the Duties which have hitherto been demanded and also a List of those which the Inhabitants refuse to Pay be sent home in the Packet for the information of Our Honble Masters.

A List of the Duties of those refused to be paid to be sent home.

The Secretary now pays in the following sums in full of the Duties by him collected on Account of Chindadree Pettah Viz[t].

Secretary pays in the Ballance on that Account.

Ballance for the year 1754	73	5896	51
Ballance of what has been Collected on Account of the year 1756 great part of that years Duties being still unpaid ...	—	1608	60
	73	7505	31

amounting together at the rate of thirty six fanams to the Pagoda to two hundred and Eighty one Pagodas seventeen fanams and thirty one Cash (281. 17. 31) as appears by the Accounts which are order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest two thousand Nine hundred and thirty six Pagodas five fanams and forty three Cash (2936. 5. 43) which is carried forward.

Cash Account for January read.

Henry Powney Import Warehousek[r]. pays in Two thousand four hundred Pagodas (2400) on his running Account.

Money paid in by the Impt. Ware Ho.kr.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in six hundred and forty seven Pagodas four fanams and sixteen Cash (647. 4. 16) in full for the December Ballance of that Account.

Sea Customer.

Alexander Wynch Storekeeper pays in two hundred and forty four Pagodas nine fanams and forty two Cash (2044. [*sic*] 9. 42) in full for the December Ballance of that Account.

Storekeeper.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country pays in ten thousand (1000) Pagodas in part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. Ultimo.

Rent paid Account Poonamallee Country.

AGREED that Four thousand (4000) Pagodas be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that Employ.

Advance to the Commissary

Mr. James Alexander who was at the last Consultation elected an Alderman of the Mayors Court of Madraspatnam &c[a]. now desiring to take the Oaths of Allegiance and Office they are Administred to him in due form by the President.

Mr. James Alexander sworn in an Alderman.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A[R]. WYNCH.
WILL[M]. PERCEVAL.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756—

EORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1756.

The Hon~ble United Company's Cash. Dr.

		P.	Fas.	C.	P.	f.	C.
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	12110	84315	53	14452	3	53
6	To Pushponatha Nayenar late Renter of the Seven Magans* of the Tripossore Country rec~d of him in further part of six Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. August last	3500	—	—	3500	—	—
13	To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury ..	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
19	To Henry Powney Import Wareho.kr. rec~d of him on his running Accot. ..	4000	—	—	4000	—	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers rec~d of them one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.	[illegible]00	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License rec~d of them one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	—	12000	—	333	12	—
28	To William Perceval Land Customer rec~d of him for last Months Ballance of that Account	295	7769	1	510	29	1

Per Contra. Cr.

		Pags.	f.	C.	P.	f.	C.
1	By Rents and Revenues paid in full for six Months of a Pension of 1000 Pagodas ₱ Annum settled on the Widow of Hussen Cawn Cauked late Killedar of Poonamallee and Caussem Cawn his Brother as by the Nabobs Saned ..	500	—	—	500	—	—
6	By Antonia De Medeiros paid her in full for one years Interest on the President & Councils' Bond for Pagodas 20,000 at 8 ₱ Ct. ₱ Annum dated 3 December 1754	1600	—	—	1600	—	—
15	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland.	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
19	By Claud Russell Acomptant General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft in favour of Messrs. Daniel Morse & Claud Russell on Account the Estate Bobjon Mattheus	664	2	20	664	2	20
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
28	By John Smith Paymaster advanc'd him for the Disbursements of that Employ	5000	72000	—	7000	—	—

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28	To Town Duty receiv'd as ₰ Consultation this date the Net produce of the Town Conicoplys Duty Collected at the Sea Gate and Choultry for the year ending Ultimo December 1755 Viz^{t}.—						
	By the Sea Customer. 422 31 —	218	7375	—	480	30	70
	By the Land Customer. 57 35 70	—	2087	70			
—	To Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall Duty receiv'd of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	200	—	—	200	—	—
—	To Linga Chittee Farmer of the Ruby Brokerage reċd of him for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Instant	152	18	—	152	18	—
	Star or Curr^{t}. Pagodas ..	40675	130365	44	44296	9	44

28	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &^{ca}. next Month	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas due to the Mint for last Month	276	35	45	276	35	45
—	By Fort Marlbrô paid a Certificate of the Deputy Governor & Co. for $ 526. 2. 72 reċd into Cash there of Mr. Richard Preston and payable here to Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart @ $ 1672 for 10 Pag.	319	2	16	319	2	16
		39359	72040	1	41360	4	1
31	By Ballance carried to next Months Account	1316	58325	43	2936	5	43
	Star or Curr^{t}. Pagodas ..	40675	130365	44	44296	9	44

Errors Excepted, :
₰ Geo : Pigot.

* A minor revenue district—Love's Vestiges Index Volume p. 104.

* The Commander of a fortress—Love's Vestiges, vol. II, p. 281.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756—

CHINTADRY PETTAH PAGODAS CASH FOR YEAR OF 1754.

Dr.

Date	Particulars			
1754.				
April 30	To Fees produced for this Month ..	—	3162	79
May 31	To D°. ..	6	2594	37
June 30	To D°. ..	31	3778	6
July 31	To D°. ..	24	4268	47
Augt. 31	To D°. ..	21	3779	26
Septr. 30	To D°. ..	3	3645	6
Octr. 31	To D°. ..	17	2434	51
Novr. 30	To D°. ..	6	136	36
Decr. 30	To D°. ..	7	2453	53
1755.				
Janry. 31	To D°. ..	4	2362	70
Febry. 28	To D°. ..	—	3060	61
March 31	To D°. ..	145	4124	4
	To Beetle Godown in the Bound Gardners from 1st. April 1754 to this day.	—	2169	50
	PAGODAS ..	264	39202	46

Cr.

Date	Particulars						
1755.							
March 31.	By Pagoda Charges for 12 Months @ 30 Pags. ℔ Month				162	8514	—
	By Servants Wages Vizt.						
	1 Conicoply for 12 Mos. @ P 2 ℔ d°.	P 24	—	—			
	1 Conicoply for 10·15 Mos. @ 2 ℔ d°.	21	—	—			
	1 Conicoply for 2 Mos. @ 2 ℔ d°.	4	—	—			
	6 Conicoply for 12 Mos. @ 174 ℔ d°.	6	3370	40			
	6 Conicoply for 12 Mos. @—30 ℔ d°.	—	1980	—			
		55	5350	40	—	7715	40
July 7.	By Cash paid in Consultation	—	4900	—			
Sepr. 8.	By d°. ..	—	7200	—			
					—	12100	—
	By Sundry Persons included in the Dr. who either Refuse to Pay or are not to be found				29	4976	35
					191	33305	75
	By Ballance				73	5896	51
	PAGODAS ..				264	39202	46

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Secy.

FORT St. GEORGE
THE 2ND. FEBRUARY 1756.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756——

Chintadry Pettah Anno 1755.

Account of Fees due to Chintadry Pettah Pagoda as following from the 1st April 1755 to 31 December 1755 Viz[t].

Sea Gate Import	—	4414	26			
Sea Gate Export	—	943	34			
Land Export	—	823	8			
Choultry	—	3812	50			
Beetle Godown	—	6301	32			
Arrack Godown	1	2080	52			
Paddy Banksall	—	1180	10			
Coral Merchants	—	467	15			
Dyers	—	37	40			
Brokerage	17	1928	13			
Washers	—	71	50			
Chanking people	—	10	25			
Beaters	—	21	10			
Mint	63	3909	15			
Chintadry Pettah	—	540	72			
Sundry Mettows *	—	1429	65			
Oil Makers	15	—	—			
Country Salt Pans Trivitore & Sattangoodo	4	15	—			
				100	27986	37

Account of Fees Collected for Chintadry Pettah Pagoda from 1st. April 1755 to 31st. Decembee 1755 Viz[t].

Sea Gate Import	—	2348	50			
Sea Gate Export	—	904	16			
Land Export	—	713	9			
Choultry	—	2887	32			
Beetle Godown	—	6301	32			
Arrack d°.	1	2080	52			
Paddy Banksall	—	835	19			
Brokerage	15	1347	67			
Mint	48	125	20			
Sundry Mettows	—	552	33			
				64	18096	10

Account of Disbursements

Pagoda Charges from April to Janry i[s] 10 Mos. .. .. P 300		—	—	64	9893	—			
Servants Wages 2 Conicoplies from d°. @ P. 2 P. 40 or ..	—	1669	40						
6 d°. d°. 174 75	—	3078	70						
4 Peons d°. fa 30	—	1200	—	—	6428	30			
2 d°. June d°. Janry. d°. 30	—	480	—						
Chintadry Pettahs Gardens Pichotal Charges P. 4 or				—	166	—			
							64	16487	30

* Places of receiving native custom—Love's Vestiges, Index Volume page 111.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756*——

CHINTADRY PETTAH ANNO 1755.

ACCOUNT OF FEES REMAININGDUE STILL FROM APRIL TO DECEMBER VIZ^T.

Sea Gate Import	—	2065	56			
Sea Gate Export	—	39	18			
Land Export	—	109	79			
Choultry	—	925	18			
Paddy Banksall	—	344	71			
Coral Merchants	—	467	15			
Dyers	—	37	40			
Brokerage	2	580	26			
Washers	—	71	50			
Beaters	—	21	10			
Mint	15	3783	75			
Chintadry Pettah	—	540	72			
Sundry Mettows	—	877	32			
Oil Makers	15	—	—			
Country Salt Pans Trivitore & Sattangadoe	4	15	—			
Chanking people	—	10	25			
				36	9890	27

D^R.				CASH.				C^R.	
To Fees collected ..	P. 64	18096	10	By Disbursements ..	64	16487	30		
				By Ballance	—	1608	60		
				Pagodas ..	64	18096	10		

FORT S^T. GEORGE,
2^D. FEBRUARY 1756.

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JOS DUPRE,
Sec^y.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT &
GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS,

I did myself the Honour under the 28th April 1755 to represent to you the state in which I found the General Books of this Presidency. I now beg leave to lay before you what has been done to them since that Time.

The Heads of Vizagapatam, Ingeram, Ganjam, Madapollam, Fort St. David and Fort Marlbro' had never since the Loss of Madras been adjusted with the Books kept at those Places.

The Complications of these Adjustments was such, that I was necessitated to open a regular Journal and Ledger of adjustments for every one of the above heads. The Concluding Ballance Entries of these Journals become with a little variation in the form, the Entries of Adjustment of these Heads on the General Books; And tho this Method may appear uncommonly prolix, it has certainly this one Advantage, that it leaves no possibility of forcing or Lumping the Adjustments, without leaving the Detection practicable to the Commonest Notion of Accounts.

———*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756*———

In Consequence I now lay before you Journal Ledger and Account Current of Adjustments of the following Factories and Settlements, as far back and as low down as the Books and Accounts of those Places remaining in Madras afforded Materials to work on, or as far as Adjustments were found necessary.

Vizagapatam Adjustments	Commencing May	1748.
	Ending April	1754.
Ingeram	Commencing May	1747.
	Ending April	1754.
Maddapollam	Commencing May	1751.
	Ending April	1754.
Ganjam	Commencing May	1747.
	Ending April	1751.
Fort St. David	Commencing May	1752.
	Ending April	1754.
Fort Marlborough	Commencing May	1748.
	Ending April	1753.

At the end of every one of the Journals is annex'd the Form of the Entries to be made on the General Books of this Presidency to adjust finally each particular Account, I hope they will meet with Your Approbation.

I likewise lay before you the Accounts Current of the Honble Company's Sloops and Vessels adjusted which has hitherto been neglected.

A very large Sum will in consequence of these Adjustments be wrote off to the Loss of this Presidency in the Books ending April 1755 as all the above settlements appear by their own Books to be losing Accounts, and their Annual Loss, for want of Adjustments has not been regularly wrote off.

As for DeveCotah the Time given to other Attentions has not allowed the distracted Accounts of that settlement to be adjusted. Their Books must be entirely new modelled here, for tho they have sent what is called by them a Journal and Ledger. The Head of their Ballance in this Ledger differs from the Accounts which they have kept themselves in near Three Thousand Pagodas which they leave to others to find out and account for this shall be the first Work in the next Books.

To which likewise the above Attentions have obliged us to defer the Adjustment of the Head of Materials under the Care of John Brohier.

This done Nothing will then remain to perplex our General Books if the Annual Adjustments shall be hereafter regularly made.

Permit me Gentlemen to do Mr. Alexander the Justice to say, that by the share he has taken in this Labour, I have great reason to be satisfied with his Application and Ability and Mr. Pelling merits that I should recommend him to your Consideration. I am with the greatest Respect,

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. & most hble Servt.

Fort St. George,
30 January 1756.

Robert Orme,
Accomptant.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756——

3. Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.
4. Receiv'd by do. General Letter from John Smith Esqr. Supravisor at Deve Cotah dated 31st. Ultimo.
5. Sent by do. General Letter from the Secretary to Fort St. David dated this day.
6. Sail'd Brigantine three Brothers, Antinio de Fernandes for Sadras.
— Sail'd Brigantine Alla Dowlat Thomas Holmes for Fort St. David and Nagore.
7. Do. Sloop Chance Peter Carstairs for Fort St. David.
— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.
8. Arriv'd the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore George Baker from the Negrais with General Letters from Mr. Henry Brooke Chief there dated 23d. December and 26th. January.
— Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 4th. January.
— Do. . . Do. Tellicherry dated 16 Do.
9. Arriv'd Snow Lapwing, William Powney, from Bengal.
— Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 6 Inst.
— Receiv'd by a Country Vessell General Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 13th. and 24 Ultimo.

AT A CONSULTATION.

MONDAY THE 9TH.

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
,, ,, ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

MR. ORME *Absent.*
MR. SMITH *at DevaCotah.*
MR. BOURCHIER *absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 2 Instant read and Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Mr. Smith supravisor at Deve-Cotah.

No. 19 From Mr. John Smith Supravisor at DeveCotah dated the 31st. Ultimo containing his Report of Mr. Hopkins Accounts and Transactions so far as he has hitherto examin'd into them.

From Bombay.

No. 20 From the President and Council at Bombay dated the 4 January advising us that on the 2d. December they forwarded by way of Tellicherry three Europe Packets for us receiv'd by the Edgecote and Houghton and that there are two others which they defer sending till a Sea Conveyance offer being from the Secret Committee. That they receiv'd our Letter of the 23d. November and are glad We have so fair a Prospect of assisting the Tonnage from Bengal with which Assistance and the ship they wrote for to be loaded at Tellicherry the Gentlemen at the Bay write they shall be able to return all the Ships on this side of India, That the Pelham Captain George Lindsay was then under dispatch to be filled up on the Malabar Coast & would sail about the 20th. Desiring us to forward a Packet for the President and Council at Bengal and at the same time assuring us that they will embrace the first Opportunity to reimburse Us what We consign'd the Supra Cargo's of the Warren at Canton. That Lieutenant Hugh McKie and Ensign David Black have made application to them for their Pay as Quarter Master & Adjutant

to Captain Forbes's Detachment to the day of their Arrival there, which they decline complying with untill they know whether We think those Gentlemen are entitled thereto And that they had paid Captain Zeigler and two of his Volunteers two Months Batta each upon their representation from them that Notwithstanding our Advices of the 9th. October they had not receiv'd the same.

General Letters read.

No. 21 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry dated 16th. January serving only to enclose a Packet from Bombay receiv'd there by Pattamar Boat & to acquaint Us that the Stretham was then under dispatch for Mangelore to take in some Rice and proceed to Bombay from whence she is to be dispatch'd for Europe with a Loading of Pepper this season and that the Pelham which they hear was to leave Bombay about the 20th. of the Month would be dispatch'd from Tellicherry immediately on her Arrival.

From Tellicherry.

From Negrais.

No. 22 and 23 From Mr. Henry Brooke Chief of the Negrais. The first (a Duplicate the Original of which is not yet receiv'd) dated the 23d. December 1755, Acquainting us that he wrote Us by the way of Bengal on the 7th. of that Month since when nothing has occurred worth Notice except that he had receiv'd Advices by a Country Vessell from Syrian dated the 11th. of that month that the Snow Arcot is forcibly detain'd there by the Uppa Rajah who has put on board her upwards of seventy Peguers but that Captn. Jackson had privately found means to forward to the Negrais sundry stores and sixteen thousand Rupees & Copper Cash which he has receiv'd and That he hopes to dispatch the Cuddalore Sloop to us in the beginning of January. The other dated the 26th. January acquainting Us that he had receiv'd no Advices or Country Intelligence since the 23d. December when he wrote us by way of what sent by the Arcot Snow which he cannot account for, and therefore refers Bengal by the Denham. That there is a deficiency of 69256 Copper Cash in it to Us to make an Enquiry about it. That Mr. John Agey Adjutant having been guilty of a breach of Military Duty, a Court of Enquiry had been held upon him, in consequence of which he now sends him under Confinement with the Proceedings of the Court as also one John Drury a Centinal for Desertion. That he has permitted Mr. John Whitehill to come over for the recovery of his Health who proposes to return so soon as it is re-established. That Mr. William Anderson Surgeon having had many severe fits of sickness, requests our permission to return to the Coast as does Ensign John Dyer for the same Reason to whom he has granted the usual Allowances of an Adjutant till our Pleasure be known as that Gentlemen has diligently done the Duty of an Adjutant ever since Mr. Agey's Confinement. That his last years Indents to Bengal for Stores and Provisions having been only Calculated for twelve Months which time expired the 30 October, he is under great Apprehension that he will soon be reduced to short allowances unless he has a speedy supply especially as the Prince George's Crew and the Great Number of Refugees that have fled thither for protection make the Monthly Consumption much greater than what he expected. He therefore begs that We would take proper Measures for his speedy Relief. That his bad state of health has prevented his dispatching the Cuddalore Sloop to us in the beginning of the Month as he intended, having had a fourth Attack of a Fever. A Distemper that has swept of many of the Europeans on the Island & that his weakly Constitution make him very desirous of having our permission to return to the Coast. That should We think proper to send back the Cuddalore to him with some Bags of Salt which is much wanted there, she may return to the Coast in April with a Loading of Teak Timbers, which he has ready to send on board her. That he has drawn sundry Bills of Exchange on us which he hopes We will Honour enclosing the Cash Account & other Papers as ℔ List of the Packet & referring Us to Mr. Whitehill and Captn. George Baker to inform us more particularly of Circumstances relating to the Island as well as of the Customs and Genius of the Peguers & Burmahs.

General Letters read.

General letters read.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756*——

From Fort St. David.

No. 24 From the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort St. David dated the 6 Instant, acknowledging the receit of our Letter of the 3d. and acquainting us they shall dispatch the Dragon Sloop with all the Bales she can carry as soon as possible, that their Annual Papers shall be forwarded in two or three days. That the Deputy Governour agreeable to our order had made good the deficiency in the Cash and requesting a supply of twenty thousand Pagodas and fifty thousand Rupees, as their Ballance is low.

From Vizagapatam.

No. 25 & 26 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam the first dated the 13 Ultimo Advising that in Consequence of our directions of the 23d. November and 18 December they have credited Us for the amount of the sum deposited in the Companys Cash there, by order of the Mayors Court that they forwarded the Bengal Packets immediately upon the receit of them. That their Bales shall be sent as soon as possible the Quality of which, as well as the Quantity they hope will prove staisfactory Requesting an early supply both in Rupees and Madras Pagodas for their next Investment & enclosing their Monthly Papers as usual. The other dated the 24th. Ultimo, being purposely to advise us that the Arcot Snow arriv'd there the preceeding day in so bad a Condition that Captain Jackson address'd Mr. Boddam by Letter for leave to carry her into the River. That our Letter of the 30th. Decemr. had arriv'd safe with the supply of Cash accompanying it which they wish had been larger as they are in great want of both of Rupees and Madras Pagodas and that they are exerting their utmost diligence for the dispatch of their Bales which they hope will come time enough.

Mr. Hopkins ordd. up hither. Mr. Smith. returns.

Mr. Dawsonne Drake to take Charge of Deve Cotah.

In regard to Mr. Smiths Report on Mr. Hopkins's Accounts and transactions Agreed that no Resolution be taken thereon untill Mr. Hopkins has offer'd what he may have to say in his Justification and that he may have a full opportunity of doing it Agreed that he be order'd to repair hither when Mr. Smith returns and that Mr. Dawsonne Drake take Charge of that settlement on Mr. Smith's quitting it untill We determine on Mr. Hopkin's Conduct.

Mr. Smith permitted to return.

Some directions to him.

Agreed that Mr. Smith be permitted to return hither from DeveCotah as soon as he has proceeded so far in his scrutiny as may be requisite to be done on the spot bringing with him such Accounts Vouchers and Witnesses as may be necessary, to compleat the enquiry here, and in regard to certain particulars wherein he desires immediate directions Agreed to write him That We approve of his restoring Latchmiah Reddee to his former employ. That we would have the Seapoys indulged in the privilege of trying and punishing their own Officers and People That We approve of his Confining Comraph & Mootiah and would have him bring them up with him as well as all others who have been made Instruments of Oppression or fraud. That the Weights and Measures had better be regulated by those of St. David than of the Presidency and that they be annually examin'd and mark'd with the Companys Mark.

To write to Bombay no Allowance to Lieut McKie & Black as Qr. Mastr. & Adjutant.

Agreed to write the Gentlemen at Bombay that We never intended to allow Lieutnant Hugh Mc.Kie. and Ensign David Black their Pay as Quarter Master and Adjutant during their Passage back and do not think them entitled to it.

Mr. Brooke permitted to return from Negrais.

Mr. Andrews Newton appointed to succeed him as Chief.

Mr. Henry Brooke Chief of the Negrais being in a very bad state of Health and requesting to return to the Coast for his recovery Agreed that he be permitted to do so and Mr. Andrew Newton now at DeveCotah is appointed to succeed him as Chief of that settlement, and the Board being well inform'd that the Allowance hitherto made to Mr. Brooke of fifty Pagodas a Month has not been near sufficient to defray the Charge he has necessarily been at as Chief there, and considering also that in expeditions of this kind where Health is so apparently endanger'd some advantages should be given to encourage those

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who are sent on them to go thro their Duty with Alacrity Agreed therefore that Mr. Newton be allow'd Five hundred Rupees a Month to defray his Charges as Chief and that on Mr. Brookes return such an Allowance be made him for his Extraordinary Expences as on further Enquiry shall appear reasonable.

His Allowances settled at 500 Rs. ℔ Mo. Allowance to be made Mr. Brooke.

Agreed that two Garce* of Salt and five Garse of Rice be laden on the Cuddalore Sloop with some square Bar Iron and Spike Nails wanted for the Buildings at the Negrais and that as soon as Mr. Newton can get ready that Vessell be dispatch'd hither with orders to take in the Timber & Plank Mr. Brooke advises is now ready there and return her immediately.

Sundries to be laden on the Cuddalore for Negrais. to return here again.

Letter from Captain Robert Jackson of the Hon͞ble Company's Snow Arcot read dated the 24 Ultimo giving the following Account of his Voyage and transactions since his Arrival at Syrian Viz^t. that he as well as all the other English Ships there had been obliged by the King of Pegue to go with him to attack the Burmurs at Dagoon promising on their return they should have liberty to depart, that not being able to avoid complying the event making together a Fleet of three English & one French Ship, the Kings Snow and three hundred of his Boats an Army of 10,000 Men march'd at the same time to attack them by Land that the Burmurs retired to their Fort and defended themselves resolutely and having set fire to a Jungodo of Boats, these driving down towards the Fleet obliged them to weigh and fall down the River by which means they avoided the danger, tho the French Ship narrowly escaped being burnt that sometime after his return to Syrian Viz^t. 5 January he obtained the Kings leave to depart and accordingly set sail for the Negrais but meeting with a violent Gale of Wind he was drove so far to Leeward of the Island that finding it impossible to work back the Vessell being unable to carry sail he was under the necessity to make for Vizagapatam where he is arriv'd with the snow in so bad a Condition that it is absolutely necessary to have her hauld ashore and thoroughly repair'd before she can be fit for any service he further adds that at his departure from Syrian the King obliged him to leave five of his Guns promising to return them as soon as the Troubles should be over.

Letter from Capt Jackson of the Arcot Snow with an Account of his transactions at Ayrian & Arrival at Vizagapatam.

The Snow is in want of Repair.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam that having immediate occasion for the Service of the Arcot Snow We would have them give immediate directions for her repair and in the mean time that they prepare a Cargo of Rice and as soon as the Vessell is refitted dispatch her back with it to the Negrais.

To write to Vizagapatam to get the Arcot snow repaired & return her to Negrais with a Cargo of Rice.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Bengal by Pattamar that as We propose to send to Europe on the Eastcourt the whole three hundred Tons of Salt Petre they consign'd us on that ship We shall be left bare of that Article, and as We should be glad to dispatch a ship to Europe early in September and to make up part of her Tonnage in Salt Petre in case We should not then have Bales enough We desire they will send us up two of their sloops laden with Salt Petre so as to arrive here if possible before the S.W. Monsoon sets in.

To write to Bengal to send us up two sloops loaded with salt petre before the S.W. Monsoon set in.

The Hon͞ble Company's Ship Prince George being so leaky at the Negrais as to be unfit for service untill she has been repair'd which will grow more expensive the longer it is delayed the Board are of Opinion that if any opportunity should offer of taking up a ship of some Force on Freight to lay as Guard ship at the Negrais it would be adviseable to do so and Order the Prince George to Bengal to refit and return here but as it is improbable this can be accomplished before September even should a Ship offer on Freight immediately and as it is necessary a Vessel should be sent to the West Coast as well to carry salt and other stores as to bring back the Military landed there from Europe this season

A ship (if to be found) to be Freighted for Guardship at Negrais. Prince George to go to Bengal to repair.

* A Cubic Measure for rice, etc. in use in the Madras Coast—Hobson—Jobson p. 364.

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Hartup snow Freighted for West Coast.

for our service Agreed that the Hartup Snow shortly expected from Vizagapatam be Freighted on the Terms offer'd by the Owners being three thousand Pagodas for the Trip there and back.

Money & stores to be sent to St. David. ℔ Fany schooner & to be return'd with Bales.

The Gentlemen at St. David having wrote for a supply of money and stores, and the owners of the Fanny Schooner offering to deliver them Freight free provided the Vessell be immediately return'd with a Loading of Bales on the usual Freight the proposal is accepted and fifty thousand Rupees (50,000) and ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas are order'd to be sent on her.

20,000 Mdss. Pags. to be purchased for the Northern Settlemts.

The Gentlemen at the three Northern Settlements having wrote for a supply of Madras Pagodas and Linga Chittee offering to deliver twenty thousand in twenty days at the rate of ten and a half (10½) ℔ Cent Agreed that they be purchased of him on those terms and sent as safe opportunities offer.

Certificate & Bills order'd to be paid.

The following Certificates and Bills are now presented and order'd to be paid Vizt.

Certificate dated 19 Sepr. 1755 for Pagodas 424. 8. 52 payable to Captain Edmund Maskelyne or order for value receiv'd into Cash at Fort Marlbro' of Captain Joseph Kendall & Joseph Gabett.

1 Bill for 4000 Rupees payable to Messrs. Josias Dupre' & Jas. Alexander.
1Do. 2,000 Do. to Captain George Baker
1 Do. 1070. 11. 4 to Captain John Brohier.

all dated 24 Janry & drawn by Mr. Henry Brooke Chief of the Negrais for value received into the Honble Companys Cash. And the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro having advised that they had granted a Certificate for Three thousand thirty seven Pagodas twenty six fanams and fifty Cash (3037. 26. 50) payable to Mr. William Perceval for value rec'd into Cash there of Mr. Thomas Combes which Certificate is not yet come to hand Agreed that the amount be paid Mr. Perceval upon his signing an Obligation to deliver up the Certificate duely discharged as soon as he shall receive it and in the mean time to be accountable for the amount whenever called upon.

Money paid in by the Import WareHo. keeper.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Advance to the Commissary.

Agreed that One thousand (1000) Pagodas be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that Employ.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

10 Sail'd Schooner Fanny, Gruah Syrang for Fort St. David.
— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.
— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Mr. Charles Hopkins at Devecotah.
— do. do. do. do. Mr. John Smith Supravisor there.
— Arriv'd sloop Fortune John Forbes from Pegue & Nicobars.
11 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 9 Instant with their Annual Address of same date.
— Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bengal.
Vizagapatam, Bandarmalanka, Ingeram } dated this day.

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Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 10th. Inst. 12
Sailed Snow Don Carlos, Ballea, for Ingeram. 13
Deliver'd Mr. Dawsonne Drake his Orders for taking Charge of Deve Cotah dated this day. —
Sailed Snow Lapwing William Powney for Fort St. David & Mocha. 14
Received'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 30th. Ultimo. —
Arriv'd Snow Hartop John Heriot from Vizagapatam with General Letter from the Chief &ca. Council there dated 3d. February and with 520 Bales. 16
Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Mr. Smith Supravisor at Deve Cotah dated the 13th. Instant. —
Do. by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 24th. January. —
Arriv'd Ketch Good Hope Nathaniel Fletcher Bakewell from Bengal. —
Do. Ship George Andrew Karr from Nicobars. —
Sail'd Snow Fortune, Owen Williams for Bandarmalanka with General Letter for the Resident there dated the 16th. 18
Arriv'd the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon, Assin Cundoo from Fort St. David. —
Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 17 Inst. 19
Sail'd Sloop Philipina William Balingal for West Coast & Batavia. —
Do. Ketch Good Hope Nathaniel Fletcher Bakewell for Fort St. David & the Malabar Coast. —

AT A CONSULTATION — FRIDAY THE 20TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVENR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. ALEXR. WYNCH.

MR. ROBERT ORME *absent.*
MR. JOHN SMITH *at DeveCotah.*
MR. CHARLES BOURCHIER *absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Mr. Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital & found no Cause of Complaint.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 9th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt. — General Letters read.

No. 27 No. 28 & No. 29 & No. 34 From the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David. The first dated the 9th. Instant accompanying their annual letter, and advising that the stores sent them by Sloop Chance turn out agreeable to Invoice That the Dragon Sloop was to sail next day with their Bales. That as they should shortly be in want of Silver they have granted Bills of Exchange on us for Eighteen thousand and five hundred Arcot Rupees. Enclosing a Report from their Committee of Accounts & their monthly Accounts for December. The second is also dated the 9th. Instant being their Annual Address and contains a summary of the Transactions at that settlement in the last year digested under the usual heads. The third is dated the 10th. instant enclosing Duplicate of their Annual Address as also a Calculate of Quick Stock to the 31st. January and advising that the Dragon Sloop was dispatch'd that Morning with sixty Bales and the remainder shall be sent by the first Opportunity. The fourth dated the 17th. Instant — From Fort St. David. General letters read.

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advising that the Treasure and Stores ℔ Fanny Schooner turn out agreeable to Invoice. That the remainder of their Bales are sent us by the Vessell and the Ship Vencatashia, the Freight for which they have referr'd to Us to settle.

From Bandarmalanka.

No. 30 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 30th. Ultimo enclosing Duplicate of his last & the Invoice ℔ Fortune Snow, as also an Indent which he omitted to send before.

From Deve-Cotah.

No. 31 From Mr. John Smith Supravisor at DevaCotah, dated 13th. Instant Enclosing the monthly Accounts of that settlement for November December and January.

From Vizagaptm.

No. 32 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 3d. Instant enclosing Duplicates of their two last with there [*sic*] Monthly Papers as also Invoice & Bill of Lading for Five hundred and twenty (520) Bales they have laden on the Hartop and which should have been sent sooner had not the Washers been very dilatory in their Operations. They therefore hope we will excuse them should the dispatches for Europe have been retarded on that Account. That they have given leave to Mr. John Lewen Smith & Captain George Gardner to come to the Presidency for a little time That as We have not yet complied with their last years Indent for Gun powder and their present stock is low they beg leave to remind us to supply them with that Article as also to send some of the Train. We sometime ago promised them, with a Good Serjeant and That as they have already acquainted us of their demand for Money they hope We will supply them.

General Letters read From Ingeram.

No. 33 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 24th. January serving only to enclose duplicate of his last ℔ Fortune Snow and of the Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Bales sent on that Vessell.

St. David Committee of Accounts report referr'd to our Committee of Accounts.

Agreed that the report of the Committee of Accounts at Fort St. David enclos'd in their Letter beforemention'd be referr'd to the Committee of Accounts here to revise the same with the Accounts to which it referrs, and report their Remarks.

St. David Annual Letter to be further considered.

Order'd that the Annual Letter from Fort St. David lye upon the Table to be further consider'd after the Eastcourts dispatch.

Letter from Capt. Jackson of the Arcot Snow at Vizagapatam about Repairs.

Letter from Captain Robert Jackson of the Honble Companys Snow Arcot read dated at Vizagapatam the 5th. Instant advising that he had got the Snow into the River and was employ'd in repairing her Sails and Rigging and making two New Pumps but should do nothing further till he receives our Orders as the Vessell must have a General Repair should We propose to keep her for the Company which will be very chargeable and refers to Captain John Heriot who comes up on the Hartop Snow for a particular Account of what repairs are necessary, desiring that he may have an Anchor now lying at Vizagapatam & belonging to the Cuddalore sloop in lieu of one he has which is too large enclosing an Account of stores wanting for the said snow.

Capt. Heriot contracts to repair the Arcot snow.

Captain John Heriot (the Companys Carpenter at Vizagapatam) being called before the Board and asked his Opinion of the Condition of the Arcot snow delivers in a List of what repairs he thinks are absolutely necessary and offers to Contract for them at the rates particularly expressed in the said List (which is enter'd hereafter) amounting in the whole to two thousand Nine hundred and seventy one Rupees (2971) which the Board agree to.

Stores to be provided for the Arcot snow.

Order'd that the Storekeeper Issue for the use of the Arcot snow the several stores mention'd in Captain Jackson's Indent now laid before the Board and purchase such of them as are not now in store.

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The Storekeeper acquaints the Board that on the Arrival of the Cuddalore sloop from the Negrais he applied to Mr. Baker the present Master of her for an Account of Issues and remains of stores which he said he could not comply with Captain Hammond the late Master of her and all the Mates being Dead. That upon Mr. Brooks putting him in the Command he took an Account of all the stores remaining which he has delivered in & is now laid before the Board together with an Indent for what is now requisite, also an Account of Arrears of pay, an Account of Impress and Provisions now wanted and Captain Baker's Note for Provisions supplied for the Sloops use, all which are order'd to be complied with.

Account Remains stores ℔ Cuddalore. Indent for more Arrears of pay &ca. Impress & Provision. Capt. Baker's note for Provision ℔ Cuddalore sloop to be complied with.

The Storekeeper also lays before the Board a Note of Mr. Hague the present Master of the Hon̄ble Company's ship Prince George for the Diet of the Military carried to the Negrais in that ship, likewise a note of Captain Baker of the Cuddalore sloop for the Diet of an Adjutant and a Centinal brought Prisoners from thence Order'd that the Storekeeper pay what has been usual on the like occasions.

Diet of Military to Negrais ℔ Prince George & of 2 from thence ℔ Cuddalore to be paid as usual.

Agreed that Captain George Baker be continued in the Command of the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore in the room of Captain Nathaniel Hammond deceas'd.

Capt. Geo: Baker continued in the Command.

The Allowances to the Masters of the Company's Vessells being different greater Indulgencies having been allowed to some than to others on Account of particular services but as those are now dead Order'd that all the Commanders of the Company's Vessells be put on the same footing and that they be each allowed twenty Rupees a Month for their Table and other Expences.

Allowances to the Master of the Compys Vessells settled at 20 Rs. ℔ Mo. for their Table.

The Dragon Sloop having deliver'd the St. David Bales Order'd that she be return'd immediately with as many Redwood Piles as she can take in and that the Copper Cash lately coin'd for that settlement be sent at the same time.

Dragon Sloop to be returned to St. David with Redwood Piles & Copper Cash.

The Dragon Sloop being in want of a Cable Order'd that the Storekeeper supply her with one.

Cable to be provided for the Dragon Sloop.

Letter from Captain John Brohier read as enter'd hereafter representing that he had been at Madapauk a place where Chunam is made and thinks that if the Kilns were erected there on the Companys Account it might facilitate the supplys of that Article thō he imagines the Country people will throw all Obstacles they can in the way. That he had also been to a place called Pollaveram where he found the Inhabitants well disposd to undertake the making of Chunam for the Company and wanted no Advance of Money but only desired to be paid as they brought in Chunam.

Letter from the Engineer in regard to making Chunam.

Order'd that it be referr'd to the Committee for providing Materials to do therein as they may think most for the Company's Advantage.

Referr'd to the Com̄ for the Works.

A General Report of the Expences and Revenues of this settlement and subordinates for the year ending Ultimo April 1755 is now laid before the Board and order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

General annual report of Expences & Revenues.

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Order relating to Chints carried out of the Bounds without being Chopp'd.
Land Custr. to employ servants as he thinks fit to take Account.
Notice to be given by Tom Tom that Goods attempted to be carried out contrary to this Order are to be confiscated.

It having been discover'd that large quantitys of Chints and other painted Goods provided in these Bounds for the French and Dutch are carried out clandestinely without ever being brought to the Choultry to be chopp'd whereby the Company are defrauded of their Duty ORDER'D that the Land Customer employ such a number of Conicoplys Peons and other persons as he may find necessary to take an Account from time to time of the Goods painting at the several Villages in the Bounds. That Notice also be given by beat of Tom Tom throughout the Bounds that all Persons whatsoever are to bring in their Goods as soon as finished to be chopped and that if any Person shall be detected in endeavouring clandestinely to carry any painted Goods out of the Bounds which have not been so chopped such Goods shall be seized and Confiscated half to the Companys use and half to the Person who shall so detect the fraud and the Owner of such Goods shall be turn'd out of the Bounds.

Allowances for refitting Capt. Maskelyn's house.

The Nabob and his Attendants having had the use of some Houses and Gardens at Viparee during their stay here which have been very much damaged and misused AGREED that the Owners be allowed One hundred and fifty Pagodas for the Rent thereof & to repair them.

Committee of Accots. report relating to Schaubs Detachmt. & Eyre's Accot as Sea Customer & Paymr.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts dated this day read as enter'd hereafter containing their remarks on the Payment of the Detachment of Swiss under the Command of Captain Schaub made Prisoners at Pondicherry which Captain Schaub drew for. Containing likewise such Observations as they were enabled to make by the Materials laid before them on Mr. Thomas Eyre's Accounts as sea Customer & Paymaster in the year 1746.

Order relating to Cap. Schaub touching his Detachment prisoners at Pondicherry.

In regard to Captain Schaub the President acquaints the Board that the Committee of Accounts in the course of their enquiry thinking it necessary Captain Schaub (who is now at St. David) should be sent for, to give an Account of his transactions at Pondicherry apply'd to the Select Committee that he might be sent for but he having been for sometime past under arrest for another Misdemeanor the Select Committee wrote to Colonel Adlercron desiring that Captain Schaub might be sent hither to settle some Accounts with the Company which Colonel Adlercron refused to comply with untill the Affair for which he is put under Arrest shall be determin'd AGREED that as soon as Colonel Adlercron will permit Captain Schaub to render an Account of his transactions in the Companys Affairs he be required to deliver in pay Rolls of his Detachment and of the English Prisoners he drew for all the time they were at Pondicherry.

More Accounts of Mr. Eyre's Paymr. produced by Mr. Perceval.

In regard to Mr. Eyres Accounts Mr. Perceval acquaints the Board that besides the papers he laid before the Committee of Accounts he apprehends there may be others in a Chest of Mr. Eyre's Papers which has not yet been examined that he will look over them as soon as possible and lay before the Board such other papers as may be found relating to the Accounts in question.

The Board are therefore under a necessity of suspending their opinion untill this search be made.

Committee of Accounts report on the Presidency Accounts for October November December.

Another report from the Committee of Accounts dated this day read as enter'd hereafter representing that they had examin'd the Accounts of this settlement for October November and December on which they have nothing to observe but that the Method before recommended of keeping the Accounts of some of the employs has not been strictly adhered to for want of being rightly understood but that it has now been more fully explain'd. That they have

been prevented from examining all the Accounts of the Subordinates by the frequent Meetings of those Gentlemen who are members of the Council, on other Branches of the Companys Affairs. That as there is now a Committee of Accounts at St. David they think they should begin their scrutiny with the month of June as well as the Supravizor of DeveCotah.

AGREED to write the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to direct their Committee to begin their scrutiny with the Month of June as above recommended. **St. David Committee to begin their enquiry with June.**

The following Accounts of this settlement mention'd in the foregoing report for the months of October November and December are now pass'd the Ballances whereof are Viz^{t}. **Accounts for October Novr. Decr. passed Vizt.**

MINT. **Mint.**

BALLANCE for October carried to next Month due from the Mint seven thousand six hundred and thirty (7630) Madras Rupees Fifty thousand seven hundred eighty eight (50788) Arcot Rupees & six (6) Annaes and Two hundred and ninety six (296) Madras Pagodas—DUE to the Mint twenty two Current Pagodas one fanam and forty five Cash (22. 1. 45).

BALLANCE for November carried to next month—due from the Mint seven thousand six hundred and thirty (7630) Madrass Rupees Fifty thousand seven hundred and eighty eight Arcot Rupees six Annaes (50788) [*sic*] and One hundred forty four (144) Madrass Pagodas—Due to the Mint twenty four Current Pagodas eighteen fanams and fifteen Cash (24. 18. 15).

BALLANCE for November carried to next month due from the Mint Forty four Arcot Rupees two Anaes (44. 2.) and sixty five (65) Madras Pagodas—due to the Mint two hundred seventy six C^{t}. Pagodas thirty five fanams and forty five Cash (276. 35. 45).

IMPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPERS ACCOUNT.

BALLANCE due from him for October carried to next Month Three thousand seventy three Pagodas twenty three fanams and thirty five Cash (3073. 23. 35). **Impt. WareHo.**

BALLANCE due from him for November carried to next month Two thousand five hundred and sixteen Pagodas twenty four fanams and fifty four Cash (2516. 24. 54).

BALLANCE due from him for December carried to next Month One thousand four hundred and seventeen Pagodas twenty five fanams and fifty five Cash (1417. 25. 55).

SEA CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS.

BALLANCE due from him for October carried to next Month Four thousand five hundred and fifty one Pagodas, thirty fanams and twenty five Cash (4551. 30. 25). **Sea Customer.**

BALLANCE due from him for November carried to next month Eight thousand seven hundred and seventy six Pagodas one fanam and ten Cash (8776. 1. 10).

BALLANCE due from him for December carried to next month six hundred forty seven Pagodas four fanams and sixteen Cash (647. 4. 16).

EXPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

These Account's being only on the foul sheets and not yet copied fair and sign'd are not pass'd. **Expt. Warehouse Accot. passed.**

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STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Storekeeper.

Ballance due from him for October carried to next Month Four thousand seven hundred and twenty Pagodas three fanams and twenty Cash (4720. 3. 20).

Ballance due from him for November carried to next Month Two thousand six hundred and thirteen Pagodas fourteen fanams and thirty Cash (2613. 14. 30).

Ballance due from him for December carried to next Month Two thousand forty four Pagodas nine fanams and forty two Cash (2044. 9. 42).

LAND CUSTOMERS ACCOUNTS.

Land Customer.

Ballance due from him for October carried to next month Four hundred fifteen Pagodas and fifty seven Cash (415.—57).

Ballance due from him for November carried to next Month Three hundred and ten Pagodas eleven fanams and two Cash (310. 11. 2).

Ballance due from him for December carried to next Month Five hundred and ten Pagodas twenty nine fanams and one Cash (510. 29. 1).

PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNTS.

Paymaster.

Ballance due from him for October carried to next Month Thirteen thousand five hundred and thirty seven Pagodas, nine fanams and thirty four Cash (13537. 9. 34).

Ballance due from him for November carried to next Month Eleven thousand one hundred seventy five Pagodas eight fanams and forty Cash (11175. 8. 40).

Ballance due from him for December carried to next Month Twelve thousand four hundred and sixty five Pagodas five fanams and forty eight Cash (12465. 5. 48).

MILITARY PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNTS.

Military Paymr.

Ballance due from him for October carried to next month seven hundred twenty six Pagodas twenty eight fanams and twenty Cash (726. 28. 20).

Ballance due to him for November carried to next Month Four thousand one hundred and sixteen Pagodas one fanam and thirty Cash (4116. 1. 30).

Ballance due to him for December carried to next Month Three thousand eight hundred ninety three Pagodas twelve fanams and three Cash (3893. 12. 3).

MILITARY STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

Military Storekr.

Ballance due to him for October carried to next Month One hundred and fifty one Pagodas fifteen fanams and forty Cash (151. 15. 40).

Ballance due from him for November carried to next Month Four hundred sixty eight Pagodas thirty two fanams and fifty five Cash (468. 32. 55).

Ballance due from him for December carried to next Month six hundred eighty one Pagodas ten fanams and forty five Cash (681. 10. 45).

Accomptant Generals Draft Accot. Robert Worth to be paid.

A Draft of the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for Pagodas One hundred and six (106) payable to Alexander Wynch Esqr. Attorney for Edward Croke, Administrator to the Estate of Robert Worth Account the said Estate is now presented and Order'd to be paid.

Money paid in by the Impt. Ware Hokr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in on his running Account seven thousand (7000) Pagodas.

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Rents paid in.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chittee pay in the following Rents Viz[t].

Beetle & Tobacco Arrack & Wine Measuring Duty.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo. Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333. 12) for one Months Rent of the Arrack and Wine Licence due the 1st. Ultimo. One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166. 24) for two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. Ultimo.

Advance to the Commissary.

Agreed that Two thousand five hundred (2500) Rupees and five hundred (500) Pagodas be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of that employ.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
A[r]. Wynch.
Will[m]. Perceval.

To the Hon~ble George Pigot Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council of
Fort S[t]. George.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

The Difficulty We have in procuring Chunam for the Works through the unskillfull method the Inhabitants have in burning it, as well as the Craftiness of some of those people in hindering others from Interfering in that business, and the Loss the Company sustains by the mixture of a Quantity of the Earth the Lime Stone is found in, with it; Induced me to go the Lime Stone Ground at Madepauck, and to examine if proper Kilns could not be built there for the Company and supply Ourselves without being obliged (through necessity) to take what Lime Good or bad the Country people think proper to send Us in.

I find that the Lime Stone is plenty at Madepauk, and that with proper Management, Kilns may be Errected there to supply the Company with as much Lime as they want. The only difficulty attending it will be the fuel for burning it, which must be brought from about six Miles distance, and a Number of People constantly employ'd with Cutting and Carts to bring it That the Kilns may not stand still.

I am also persuaded We shall meet with all the Hinderance possible from the People at Madepauk, by depriving Us of their Cattle to bring the Lime to Town, Notwithstanding they dont employ a Quarter part of the Number they have and that the Erecting those Kilns will not hinder their supply being receiv'd as Usual, But they are so Jealous at any Persons Interfering in that business that I could observe great Marks of uneasiness and discontent at my going to see the Ground they dig the Lime Stone from the best of which they do not make use of but throw it away as too large for burning not giving themselves the trouble to break it.

I went also at a place called Pallaveram where the Ground has been open'd very lately and very good Lime Stone found there, on the Encouragement I gave to the person who set the Inhabitants about it, the Pollygar * Jangamanaicke with forty or fifty Inhabitants came and told me they would
Jangamanaicke with forty or fifty Inhabitants came and told me they would
Chunam as they could that there was two other Quarries belonging to their District which they would open (but that the Madepauk Poligar and his People having hinder'd them all this time past) They would not do it as they were

* Descendants of the Naiks—Love's Vestiges, Volume I, page 13.

afraid of Interfering with People who supplied the Company I told them that if the two Quarries they mentioned actually belonged to them, they had no occasion to mind the Pollygar of Madepauk and that they or any other Person in the Country had as much right to supply the Company with Chunam as he had, at which they appear'd extreamly well pleas'd and added they wanted no money beforehand but would be satisfied to be paid for their supplies at the end of every month.

The Erecting Kilns, with proper encouragement given to the Country People, will I flatter myself not only procure Us what supplys We may want, but enable Us to lay in a sufficient stock to prevent any troubles in the Country from retarding the progress of the Works; all which I submit to your Consideration and am most Respectfully,

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant,

John Brohier.

Fort S^t^. George,
the 16 Feb̃ry. 1756.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
of Fort S^t^. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs,

In Consequence of the Extract of Consultation of 13 October deliver'd Us by Mr. Secretary Du Pre' relative to the Payment of the Detachment of Swiss under the Command of Captain Schaub made Prisoners at Pondicherry, We have endeavoured to get all the light into the matter that the absence of Captain Schaub would admit of, by calling upon Mr. Drake the Military Paymaster at that time, but all that We have been able to collect from him is that he never receiv'd any regular Rolls from Captain Schaub of the Command under him but only Abstracts. He then delivered Us Abstracts of their Pay from 1st. August 1752 to Ultimo Octr. 1753 when Mr. Drake deliver'd over the employ to Mr. Norris.

This Account he has collected from lose Papers & Cadjans, and he declares that it is nearly if not exactly correspondent with those he deliver'd Mr. Starke, and which were transmitted to the late President & are now missing. By this Abstract it appears that Captain Schaub's Party at first consisted of 92 Persons, and in September 1752 the space of 14 Months it was only reduced to 89, but in October when Captain Schaub was requir'd to deliver in a regular Pay Roll, the Number at once diminish'd to 49 so that in one Month there is the difference of forty Men.

We think it necessary that Captain Schaub should be requir'd to deliver in monthly Rolls of the Swiss Prisoners at Pondicherry to Ultimo October 1753, or at least a list of Deaths & desertions during that time.

On inspecting the Abstract of Pay to the English Prisoners at Pondicherry, for whom as well as the Swiss, Pay was drawn by Captain Schaub, We observe that their Number in May 1753 being 127 is not lessen'd for six Months, except by two Officers who left Pondicherry on Parole but in the succeeding Month of November eighteen Men are reduced, and in the next Month twenty more. An explanation of which Circumstance seems likewise very necessary to be requir'd of Captain Schaub.

We have also examin'd the Papers your Honour &c^a^. directed to be laid before Us relating to the Accounts of M^r^. Thomas Eyre as Paymaster & Sea

Customer, likewise what further Accounts We could procure from his Executor Mr. William Perceval, but they are all so imperfect and obscure that We find it impossible for Us to draw up any Statement of Mr. Eyre's Account either with Our Honble Masters, or the former President Mr. Morse.

With respect to the Paymaster's Employ there are no Accounts to be found for the whole Year of 1746 excepting for the Months of September and October, which Mr. Perceval deliver'd in, but they are not sign'd by Mr. Eyre By them the Ballance due to Mr. Eyre is Pagodas 3562. 15. 78.

Thrō the Decease both of Mr. Eyre & his Conicoply, We are prevented making the necessary enquiry into his Transactions; And for want of Original Consultations and Cash Accounts, the former reaching only to Ultimo April 1746 and the latter to Ultimo May, excepting some foul Consultations for June, We cannot determine what advances were made to him as Paymaster.

As Mr. Eyre had deliver'd over the Sea Customer's employ Ultimo April 1746 his transactions in that Branch seems sufficiently clear, and We have met with a Statement fo his Ballance with the Company as Sea Customer at the loss of the Place, which is in his own hand writing and appears very authentick, We therefore lay the same before Your Honour &ca.

With regard to Mr. Jones's Remarks they are in great Measure unintelligible to us for want of the Papers he refers to; We are particularly at a loss to know what he means by the following Passage.

" If upon a close examination of the Companys Books it shall be found
" the sum of Pagodas 4000 said to be receiv'd of Mr. Stratton in June, and
" Pagodas 1000 more in July 1746 be monies really issued by Mr. Eyre (Mr.
" Secretary Savage having noted it as such) then as the Gentlemen observe in
" their General Letter, Mr. Eyre has acquitted himself of the Sea Customer's
" employ & not only so, but over paid the Company Pagodas 359. 32.—"

For We can find no Entry or Minute of any such Sums paid in by either one or the other. In May Mr. Eyre as Sea Customer pays in Pagodas 8300 and it is particularly specifyed in the Cash Account which is in Mr. Secretary Savage's own hand writing, that, that Money was in part of the Sea Customer's Ballance for April, which likewise exactly corresponds with Mr. Eyre's Account now deliver'd in.

In the continuation of the Cash Account from that time which Mr. Morse delivered in to the Gentlemen at St. David no credit whatever is given for Sea Customs in the Months of June & July, so that it is probable Mr. Jones may allude to some Monies included in the 8300 Pagodas, which is incontestably on Mr. Eyre's Account, and does not at all respect Mr. Stratton. We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servants,

George Pigot.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Walsh.
James Alexander.
James Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
20 Febry. 1756.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756 —

Repairs for the Arcot Snow.

	A.Rs.
To make a new Rudder & Rudder Irons	300
To New Chain Plates Locks Dead Eyes &ca. ...	200
To new Sheathing her bottom Caulking &ca. ...	1150
To Kneeing her Deck and bolting it	300
To Putting a false Keel	100
To shortning her Mast	30
To making 2 New Tops	80
To Trussell Trees and Cross Trees	30
To Nailing her Bottom	360
To 2 New Top Masts Europe	217
To 1 Main Yard Europe	68
To 1 Jibb Boom	36
To Hooping & making the 2 new Pumps	100
Arcot Rups. ...	2971

No Trifling Jobbs to be done to the Vessell.

All the old Iron that comes off from Vessell and the Wood to be mine.

John Heriot.

Fort St. George,
19 Febry. 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examin'd the several Accounts of this Settlement for the Months of October November and December Vizt.

Export Warehouse
Import Warehouse
Sea Customs
Land Customs
Mint
Treasury
Cash
Paymasters
Military Paymaster's
Storehouse
Military Storehouse &
Engineers.

We have only to observe in general that many of the Offices have mis-apprehended the method We recommended for their Accounts of Cash to be kept in, but as it has now been fully explained to them, We hope We shall have no further Occasion to trouble Your Honour &ca. with a remark of this Nature; Excepting some few other mistakes in matter of Form only, with which the respective Offices were made acquainted in order to their being avoided in future: We have nothing particular to point out with Respect to these Accounts, and give it as our Opinions that they are proper to be pass'd.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756* —

We should have been glad to have presented at this time our Observations on the Accounts of the Subordinates & out Garrisons, but We have been prevented from assembling so often as We intended by the attendance which was necessary to be given to other Branches of the Company's Affairs by the Members of our Committee who are likewise of Council, of which Your Honour &ca. are well apprised.

As there is a Committee of Accounts appointed at St. David, We think they should begin their Scrutiny with the Month of June, and reform the Accounts of that as well as the succeeding Months and that the Supervisor of Deve Cotah should do the same by the Accounts of that Settlement.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20 FEBRY. 1756.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN WALSH.
JAS. ALEXANDER.
JAS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS,

According to a Standing Order from the Honble Court of Directors, I now lay before You a state of the Expnces and Revenues of this Settlement & it's Subordinates on this Coast for the last Year compared with those of the former by which Your Honour &ca. may Judge of the proper directions to be given in relation thereto.

EXPENCES OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

	Ending April 1754.	Ending April 1755.	Increase.	Decrease.	Pags. fas. Ca.
Charges Garrison ..	117963 18 28	146658 26 67	28695 8 39	..	..
Charges Hospital ..	4079 20 42	6051 11 3	1971 26 41	..	..
Peons & Servants Wages	4621 25 —	5563 1 17	941 12 17	..	..
Account Salary ..	3587 1 40	3955 23 10	368 21 50	..	..
Account Presents ..	4331 28 29	7138 21 12	2806 28 63	..	..
Charges Diet	7000 — —	7000 — —	..	..	..
Charges Cattle ..	800 — —	800 — —	..	..	..
Charges Extra ..	6917 2 70	7987 4 1	1070 1 11	..	..
Repairs	11139 — 33	11064 21 16	..	74 15 17	..
Mayors Court ..	5468 26 54	900 — —	..	4568 26 54	..
Court of Requests ..	140 19 53	190 21 —	50 1 27	..	..
Charges General ..	3760 24 64	5455 24 45	1694 35 61	..	..
The Annual Expences.	169809 24 13	202765 10 11	37598 27 69	4643 5 71	..
Deduct the Decrease from the Increase this Year ..			4643 5 71	..	..
The Expences of this Settlement are Increas'd this Year ..					32955 21 78

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756 ——

EXPENCES OF FORT ST. DAVID.

	Ending 1754.	Ending 1755.	Increase.	Decrease.	P. f. Ca.
Charges Garrison ..	52444 4 14	47028 — 48	..	5416 3 46	..
Charges Hospital ..	2096 27 49	4168 14 50	2071 23 1	..	..
Peons and Servants Wages	4765 2 —	4871 — —	105 34 —	..	..
Account Salary ..	1345 1 10	1238 6 59	..	106 30 31	..
Account Presents ..	425 13 40	529 33 —	104 19 40	..	..
Charges Diet ..	3315 7 16	3128 — —	..	187 7 16	..
Charges Cattle ..	600 — —	600 — —	..	..	..
Charges Extraordinary	5194 6 33	4454 1 53	..	740 4 60	..
Charges General ..	11626 11 73	10703 7 8	..	923 4 65	..
Repairs	12877 28 49	7909 15 76	..	4968 12 53	..
His Majesty's Squadron under Rear Admiral Watson ..	..	304 30 19	304 30 19	..	..
His Majesty's troops under Colonel Ad.ercron.	..	16688 8 73	16688 8 73	..	..
Fortifications under the Direction of John Call	11078 35 38	10942 3 77	..	136 31 41	..
The Annual Expence.	105768 30 2	112565 14 63	19275 7 53	12478 22 72	..
Deduct the Decrease from the Increase ..			12478 22 72	..	..
The Expences of this Settlement are Increas'd this Year ..					6796 20 61

EXPENCES OF VIZAGAPATAM.

	Ending 1754.	Ending 1755.	Increase.	Decrease.	P. F. Ca.
Charges Garrison ..	6131 27 50	8505 26 20	2373 34 50	..	..
Charges General ..	4040 — 52	4194 6 21	154 5 49	..	..
Charges Diet	554 — —	441 6 —	..	112 30	..
Charges Extraordinary.	1693 22 40	2586 31 40	893 9 —	..	..
Repairs of Fortifications	2482 20 40	2494 7 30	11 22 70	..	..
Charges Hospital ..	127 18 —	332 22 40	205 4 40	..	..
Account Presents ..	448 4 52	811 12 68	363 8 16	..	..
Account Salary ..	340 — —	267 5 52	..	72 30 28	..
Compensation to the Inhabitants ..	74 — —	..	..	74 — —	..
The Annual Expence..	5891 21 74	19633 10 31	4001 12 65	259 24 28	..
Deduct the Decrease from the Increase ..			259 24 28	..	..
The Expences of this Settlement are Increased this Year ..					3741 24 37

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756* —

EXPENCES OF INGERAM.

	Ending 1754.	Ending 1755.	Increase.	Decrease.	P. F. C.
Charges Diet	304 — —	304 — —	..	..	..
Account Salary ..	112 18 —	112 18 —	..	..	..
Account Presents ..	241 30 18	308 8 63	66 14 15	..	..
Charges Garrison ..	2963 14 42	3141 30 11	178 15 49	..	..
Charges General ..	1107 35 45	1045 2 1	..	62 33 44	..
Charges Extraordinary	1116 7 8	837 25 11	..	278 17 77	..
Charges Merchandize.	570 5 24	317 11 16	..	252 30 8	..
Account Repairs ..	204 26 16	700 32 38	496 6 22	..	..
Servants Wages ..	412 — —	412 — —	..	..	..
The Annual Expence..	7032 28 73	7179 19 60	741 — 36	594 9 49	..
Deduct the Decrease from the Increase ..	..	..	594 9 49	..	..
The Expences of the Settlement are Increased this Year ..					146 26 67

EXPENCES MADDAPOLLAM.

	Ending 1754.	Ending 1755.	Increase.	Decrease.
Charges Diet	300 — —	300 — —	..	..
Charges General ..	526 11 7	555 27 49	29 16 42	..
Charges Extraordinary	906 2 60	675 13 48	..	230 25 12
Charges Merchandize.	1655 27 74	2146 34 16	491 6 22	..
Charges Garrison ..	1576 4 27	2378 2 51	801 34 24	..
Account Repairs ..	322 3 —	251 35 —	..	70 4 —
Servants Wages ..	478 — —	478 — —	..	..
Metchlepatam Factory.	114 — —	114 — —	..	..
Account Presents ..	502 5 74	276 31 536	..	225 10 18
Account Salary ..	112 18 —	112 18 —	..	..
Bandarmalanka House & Building ..	..	700 — —	700 — —	..
The Annual Expence..	6493 1 2	7989 18 60	2022 21 8	526 3 30
Deduct the Decrease from the Increase ..	..	..	526 3 30	..

The Expence of this Settlement are Increased this Year			1496 17 58
The Expences of Fort St. George are increased this year		32955 21 78	
D°. of Fort S[t]. David D°.		6796 20 61	
D°. of Vizagapatam D°.		3741 24 37	
D°. of Ingeram		146 26 67	
D°. of Maddapollam		1496 17 58	
Total Increase of this Settlement and the above Subordinates ..			45137 3 61

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THE Reasons for an Increase in the several Heads are Viz^t.

FORT S^T. GEORGE.

CHARGES GARRISON. By an Augmentation of the Military by the Arrival of Recruits from Europe, By a larger quantity of Neccssaries being deliver'd out this Year than last for the use of the Garrison & By the Expences of the Bombay Detachment	28695	8	39
CHARGES HOSPITAL. The Number of Sick this Year being greater than the former a larger quantity of Medicines and Cloathing for their use has been expended as also the Allowance of Firewood &c^a. Increased.	1971	26	41
PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES. By the Additional Charge of the Naubit'[1] which is attended with the Expence of paying a Sett of Country Musick feeding an Elephant & 9 Horses	941	12	17
ACCOUNT SALARY. By the arrival of M^r. Orme as 4th. in Council & the Addition of 13 Writers from Europe, together with the advances of salary to some Gentlemen who having serv'd the usual time succeeded to higher Gradations	368	21	50
ACCOUNT PRESENTS. By a present made the King of Tanjore in lieu of several years Tribute due to him agreeable to a Reservation in his Phirmaund[2] for DeveCotah & by a Ring present'd to the Reverend M^r. Robert Palk	2806	28	63
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY. By Furnishing the Admirals and Captains of his Majesty's Squadron with Pallankeens &c^a. Paid Captain Gardner 125 11 for Cloathing the Bombay Detachment in 1752 and by more paid Europeans for Renewing their Contracts this Year in the Military than the last	1070	1	11
COURT OF REQUESTS. By Charges of the Court for no more than 7 Months in 1754 whereas now there's Years Charges	50	1	27
CHARGES GENERAL. By the Storekeeper's charging in the month of August for Military brought from Fort Marlbro' 196. 9. 72 By extraordinary Charges of Fire Arms deliver'd our Military and by a larger Number of small Charges in the Paymaster's Accounts this Year than the last	1694	35	61
Pagodas ..	37598	27	69

FORT S^T. DAVID.

CHARGES HOSPITAL. By a larger Quantity of Medicines expended and Cloathing for the Hospital provided last Year .. Carried over ..	2071	23	1
PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES. By an Addition of Pay to the Company's Translator of Pagodas 3 a month ditto of two Conicoplies each 1 Pagoda, ditto 15 Peons from 25 & 30 fanams to a Pagoda each & 2 more Peons allow'd the Secretary	105	34	..
ACCOUNT PRESENTS. By a Present made Mauphoos Cawn the month of July	104	19	40
HIS MAJESTY'S Squadron under Admiral Watson } These two Heads are new.	304	30	19
HIS MAJESTY'S Troops under Colonel Adlercron } These two Heads are new.	16688	8	73
Pagodas ..	19275	7	53

VIZAGAPATAM.

CHARGES GARRISON. By the Military & Train Pay more Men being Entertained in the Military this Year than in the preceeding likewise by a Lieutenant and Ensign of the Military and a Detachment of the Train sent from St. George also Mr. Thomas Heath Engineer his Salary being enter'd under this Head	2373	34	50
CHARGES GENERAL is Occasion'd by a larger Quantity of Oil allowed the Rounds (The Morattas being in the Province, likewise the Allowance of Oil to the Lieutenant and Ensign they not being here in the preceeding year) more Cloth used for Gun Cartridges, Peons Batta & Gratuity for pursuing & Re-taking Deserters this year than in the former	154	5	49
Carried over Pagodas ..	2528	4	19

1 Instrument of music or a band sounding at the gateway of a great man at intervals—Wilson's Glossary, p. 371.

2 Grant of privileges—Love's Vestiges, Vol. I, p. 91.

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VIZAGAPATAM—*cont.*

Brought over Pagodas ..	2528	4	19
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY is occasioned by one Corporal & sixty Gun Peons Entertain'd in the service February 1754 Being continued in the Service this Year the Nabob's family being in the Town and the Morattas in the Province, Batta to the Wounded Inhabitants in the Hospital, Diet to Deserters, Wages to the Servants at Ganjam Factory, Charges in Landing sundries stores & Wares from Ship St. George at Bimlepatam, Diet to a Detachment of the Train sent from Fort St. George on the Hartup snow, their Batta & Charges from Upparra when the said Vessell arrived likewise Batta to one Serjeant and one Corporal sent from hence to conduct them here, Diet to three of the Military from For St. David to Bengal (the ship having miss'd this Port) and from thence to this place, Vackeels Charges to the Rajah Vizeram Rauze, Bar Boats bringing ashore Treasure Ensign Hart & Mr. Heath	893	9	..
REPAIRS OF FORTIFICATIONS. This small Increase arises from such a Number of different Articles that it cannot be well pointed out but appears chiefly to be owing to a few more Artificers, being employ'd in repairing the several Battery's and Peons Banksalls &ca.	11	22	70
CHARGES HOSPITAL is occasioned by Physick & other Contingent Charges allow'd the Surgeon for Relieving the Wounded Inhabitants also By a new sett of Hospital Cloathing	205	4	40
ACCOUNT PRESENTS is occasion'd by Rice given to the Nabobs family by Permission from the Presidency	363	8	16
PAGODAS ..	4001	12	65

INGERAM.

ACCOUNT PRESENTS By an Extraordinary Present made to Juggamaultros for obtaining the Cowle of Coringa	66	14	5
CHARGES GARRISON. By eleven months Pay to the Military being only paid in the year 1754 by this Settlement, the other month being paid at Vizagapatam	178	15	49
ACCOUNT REPAIRS By a Veranda at Nellepillee & sundry Repairs made at the Old Factory	496	6	22
PAGODAS ..	741	...	36

MADDAPOLLAM.

CHARGES GENERAL occasion'd by a large Expence in Batta	29	16	42
CHARGES MERCHANDIZE by a larger Expence in Wax Cloth Wrappers &ca. Freight of sundry Stores ℔ Sloop George and digging a Tank at the Washing Town	491	6	22
CHARGES GARRISON By the Military & Seapoys being charged the whole Year 1755 & but 9 months in the preceeding Year	801	34	24
BANDARMALANKA HOUSE & BUILDING, this Head is new	700	..	..
PAGODAS ..	2022	21	8

THE VARIABLE REVENUES OF THIS PLACE & IT'S SUBORDINATES.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

		Increase.	Decrease.
SEA CUSTOMS from 1st. May 1753 to 30 April 1754	36831 .8.74		
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755 ..	35199.18.39		
			1631 26 35
LAND CUSTOMS from 1st. May 1753 to 30 April 1754	6772 21 16		
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755 ..	6518 1 19		
		..	254 19 77
CUSTOMS ON COINAGE from 1st. May 1753 to 30 April 1754	1187 21 42		
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755 ..	1303 15 68		
		115 30 26	..
Carried over Pagodas ..	..	115 30 26	1886 10 32

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				Increase.			Decrease.		
Fort St. David.									
Brought over Pagodas				115	30	26	1886	10	32
Sea Customs of Cuddalore from 1st. May 1753 to 30th April 1754	8283	25	6						
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755 ..	5936	12	61						
..							2347	12	25
Land Customs from 1st. May 1753 to 30th. April 1754	2203	31	76						
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755 ..	1960	28	8						
..							243	3	68
Tevenepatam Customs .. From 1st. May 1753 to 30 April 1754 ..	789	15	70						
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755 ..	619	20	6						
..							169	31	64
Vizagapatam.									
Town Customs .. From 1st. May 1753 to 30 April 1754..	1866	9	60						
From 1st. May 1754 to 30 April 1755..	2460	23	..						
				594	13	20			
Pagodas ..				710	7	46	4646	22	29
							710	7	46
Total Decrease in the Revenues Pagodas..							3936	14	63

I am

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

Robert Orme,

Accomptt.

Fort St. George,
the 20 January 1756.

21 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Mr. Charles Hopkins at Deve Cotah dated 16th. Instant.

22 Arriv'd Fanny Schooner, Gruah, from Fort St. David.

— Do. ship Stree Vencatashia—Gongaloo do.

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam datd 7th. Instant.—

23d. Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David, dated this day.

24th. Arriv'd Brigantine three Brothers, Andrew Kar from Sadrass.

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 4h. Instant.

25 Sail'd Sloop Fortune, John Forbes for Pegue.

Do. Fanny Schooner, Gruah for Bandarmalanka.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Mr. John Smith at Deve Cotah, dated the 20th. Instant.

Do. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 23d. Instant, advising that on opening the Chest of Treasure sent them by the Fanny Schooner three of the Bags seal'd as usual were found to contain Fanams instead of Pagodas.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756* —

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David, directing them to send up the Bags which contain'd the Fanams instead of Pagodas as mentioned in their Letter of the 23d. Instant. 25

Sign'd a Sett of Bills of Exchange of this date on the President & Council of Bombay for Arcot Rupees forty thousand (40,000) Exchange at 102 Rupees for 100 Bombay Rupees making Bombay Rupees 39215. 2qr. 74R. payable at 8 days sight to Robert Orme Esqr. and a General Letter also of this date advising of the said Draught. —

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka, dated 13th. Inst. 26

Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day. —

AT A CONSULTATION. **SATURDAY 28 FEBRY.**

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
ROBT. ORME. HENRY POWNEY.
WILL. PERCEVAL. ALEXR. WYNCH.

COLONEL LAWRENCE *Absent indisposed.*
MR. SMITH *at Deve Cotah.*
MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 20th. Inst. read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt. *General Letters read.*

No. 35 From Mr. Charles Hopkins at Deve Cotah dated 16th. February, acknowledging the receit of our Letter of the 10th. Instant and promising obedience to it, but requesting leave to stay at Deve Cotah some time to get in the money which is due to him in the Country being six thousand Pagodas, two thousand six hundred of which belongs to other Gentlemen. *From Mr. Hopkins at Deve Cotah.*

No. 36 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 7th. Instant, serving only to accompany a Duplicate of their last. *From Vizagaptm.*

No. 37 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 4th. Instant accompanying the monthly Accounts of that settlement for January with the Quick Stock to the 31st. of that Month. *From Ingeram.*

No. 38 From John Smith Esqr. at Deve Cotah dated the 20th. Instant acknowledging the receit of our Letter of the 10th and acquainting Us that Mr. Dawsonne Drake is arrived there, that Mr. Hopkins desires leave to stay a few days to settle his private Accounts and as soon as that is done he will set out immediately for this settlement. *From Mr. Smith at Deve Cotah.*

No. 39 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated 23d. Instant acquainting Us that upon opening the Chest of Pagodas we sent them on the Fanny Schooner a Nail being drove into one of the Bags they discover'd that it containd Fanams upon which the Chest was brought before the Board & the bags being all open'd seven of them were found to contain 6999 Pagodas and the other three 7821 Fanams, instead of Pagodas, that each Bag was seald with the Mint & Shroffs Seal of Madras which still continue whole. *From Fort St. David.*

No. 40 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 13th. Instant, serving only to accompany the Accounts of that Settlement for last month. *From Bandarmalka.*

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The Compys Shroffs taken into Custody.
The seald Bags in the Cash Chest examin'd.

On the receit of the abovementioned Letter from Fort St. David the Company's Shroffs were immediately secur'd and orders sent to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to send up the Bags which contain'd the Fanams that the seals on them may be compared with the shroffs and Mint seals. The Companys Cash Chest being now opend and the several sealed Bags examin'd are all found to contain Pagodas.

Copper Doodos to be Coin'd.

The Copper Doodoes* & Cash lately Coin'd for the use of this Settlement & St. David not being sufficient, Agreed that Ten Candies more of Copper be delivered to the Mint to be Coin'd in the same manner as the last.

Rice ꝑ Eastcourt Deficient 5 ꝑ Ct. allowed.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that the Rice consign'd by the Gentlemen at Bengal ꝑ Eastcourt being landed turns out about five ꝑ Cent short of the Invoice, which being less than the usual Wastage is order'd to be allow'd.

Discharged Military sent home ꝑ Eastcourt.

The President acquaints the Board that Captain Evans having applied to him for some of the discharged Military to make up his Compliment of Men, he had offer'd him six of those on the Pension List who are desirous of going home four of which he accepted but objected to the other two as they seem to be somewhat disordered in their senses.

Agreed that they be sent home as Charter Party Passengers.

Mr. Muriell & Mrs. Westcott & Child permitted to take passage ꝑ Eastcourt.

Letter from Mr. Francis Muriell (read as enter'd hereafter) requesting leave to take his Passage for England on the Eastcourt, also a Letter from Mrs. Ann Westcott requesting the like Permission for herself and a Child.

Order'd that the Secretary sign Permits to the Commander as usual.

Capt. Howes appointed Chief of the Negrais.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Andrew Newton, who was appointed Chief of the Negrais in Consultation the 9th. Instant, having wrote to him that he is at present in a bad state of Health, he had thought of Captain Howes as a very Capable and proper Person to take the Charge of the Company's Affairs at the Negrais & Pegue and Captain Howes having been wrote to at Camp very readily Consented to accept it, The President therefore now proposes him as a Gentleman well Quallified in every respect to manage the Company's Affairs at that settlement in the room of Mr. Newton, who was before appointed, which the Board very readily Agree to.

A sett of Bills drawn on the Company.

A sett of Bills of Exchange are now sign'd of this date drawn on the Hon'ble Court of Directors for Twenty Pounds Sterling at their stated Exchange of seven shillings and eight Pence ꝑ Pagoda, being Fifty two Pagodas, six fanams & twenty Cash (52. 6. 20) payable at Ninety days sight to Mrs. Hannah Dawson or order.

A Bill drawn from the Negrais to be paid.

A Bill of Exchange drawn by Mr. Henry Brooke Chief of the Negrais for Arcot Rupees Two thousand nine hundred and eighty nine, three fanams and seven Cash (2989. 3. 7) payable to Captain Edmund Maskelyne or order value receiv'd into the Companys Cash there, is now presented and order'd to be paid.

St. Thome' Rent paid in.

Meerza Mahomed Cawsum Renter of St. Thome' pays in One thousand five hundred and seventy five Pagodas (1575) for six months Rent of that Farm due to 1st. December last.

Advances to the

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster two thousand five hundred Pagodas (2500) for Disbursements in that Employ.

* Doods,—a copper coin of 10 cash, Love's Vestiges, Vol. I, p. 510.

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To the Military Paymaster Five thousand (5000) Pagodas to pay the Military &ca. for next month. Military Paymr.

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas (1750) for the Charges of that Employ. Military Storekr.

Draught of the General letter to the Honble Court of Directors, intended to go by the Eastcourt is now read and approved. Draft of General Letter to England.

GEORGE PIGOT.
Signed by Mistake having been absent from the Consultation. } STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCIVAL.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS,

My health not permitting to stay any longer in India I must entreat the favour of you to let me return to England on the Eastcourt Captain Evans Commander and likewise to give the Captain an Order to receive me and my Gundy Gundy on board. I am with Respect, Your Honours most obliged and most

Obedient humble Servant,

FRANCIS MURIELL.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26 FEBRY. 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN,

As I intend to take my Passage to Europe on the Eastcourt, must request the favour of you to grant a Permit to Captain Evans to receive me, my Child and Necessaries on board,

I am

GENTLEMEN,

Your most Obedt. Hble. Servt.

ANN WESTCOTT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26 FEBRY. 1756.

Arriv'd Sloop London, Henry Karr from Fort St. David.

Sailed the Hon'ble Company's Sloop Dragon, Assem Cundo for Fort St. David. 28

Sail'd Ship Stre Vencataish Gongaloo for Calingapatam. 29

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TUESDAY THE 2D. MARCH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

MR. SMITH *at DeveCotah.*
MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 28th. Ultimo read & sign'd.

Report of the Eastcourts Warlike Stores & Crew.

The Under Paymaster and Captain of the Train deliver in as enter'd hereafter their report of the Eastcourts Ammunition and Warlike Stores and Muster Roll of her Crew taken the 29th. Instant, at which time it appears there were only 95 Men but it being remark'd that the four Military which Captain Evans was permitted to ship as mention'd in last Consultation are not of the Number, Captain Evans is askd whether they are now on board and he declares they are, and two more Men which compleats the Compliment.

Letter from the Mayors Court with Copy of their Address to England.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court read, accompanying a Copy of their Address to the Hoñ'ble Court of Directors, on which it being now too late to make any remarks, ORDER'D that they lye on the Table to be further Consider'd.

Dispatches to England.

The following Dispatches are now sign'd vizt.

- Genral Letter to the Hoñ'ble Court of Directors.
- General Letter to the Governr. & Council of St. Helena.
- Additional Storehouse Indent.
- Indent for the Court of Requests.
- Sailing Orders to Captain Arthur Evans of ship Eastcourt.

} All dated this day.

Also the General Books F.F. of this Presidency ending Ultimo April 1755.

ORDER'D that the Packet be closed & delivered to Captain Evans with his Sailing Orders as soon as possible.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

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To the Hon͂ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Hon͂ble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to your Orders of yesterdays date signified to Us by Mr. Secretary DuPre' We have been on board the Eastcourt Captain Evans Muster'd her ships Company and examined her Artillery Stores which we find according to the Lists Annexed and believe she is in a fit Condition to proceed for Europe.

We are
Hon͂ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient hble Servts.

John Smith.
Deputy Paymr.

John Brohier.

Fort St. George,
the 1st. March 1756.

Arriv'd Success Galley Peter Duncan, from Bombay. 3

Sail'd the Hon'ble Company's ship Eastcourt Captain Arthur Evans for England. —

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 27 Ultimo. —

At a Consultation.

Wednesday the 4th.

Present.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. Presidt.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval.

Mr. Smith *at DeveCotah.*
Mr. Bourchier *Absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

General Letter from St. David read.

No. 41 General Letter from Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David dated 27th. Ultimo read, acquainting Us that they send us the Baggs which contained the Pagodas and Fanams received ℔ Fanny which they have distinguish'd by a proper mark.

The Seals on the money Bags sent up from St. David compar'd with the shroff seal & found to be the same. The shroff denies it is remanded back to Prison.

The Company's Merchants with the Chiefs of the Casts and the Seal Cutters having been summon'd to attend, are now called in and the Bags sent up from Fort St. David, as mention'd in the foregoing Letter, are produced and the Seals on them being compared with the Shroffs Seals are in the Judgment of every one of the Board as well as of the Black Merchants and Seal Cutters, the Impression of those very Seals. The Shroff being then brought before the Board and charged with the Fraud of sealing up fanams instead of Pagodas, steadfastly denies it upon which he is ordered back again to Prison.

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Letter from the Mayors Court with one to the Court of Directors.

Letter from the Mayors Court with a Copy of their Address to the Court of Directors by the Eastcourt which was laid before the Board the day of that ships dispatch and then order'd to lye on the Table to be considered after the despatch is now read and order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Cash Account for February read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last month, Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Four thousand eight hundred and eighty two Pagodas, twenty two fanams and twenty Cash (4882. 22. 20) which is carried forward.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to the orders of the Hon'ble the Mayors Court, I now transmit to your Honour &ca. Copy of their General Letter to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1ST. MARCH 1756.

DANIEL MORSE,
Regr.

TO THE HONBLE THE COURT OF DIRECTOS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE HONBLE THE UNITED
COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HONOURABLE,

Para 1. . . Our last address to you was under date the 7th. January 1755 wherein We transmitted to you particular Accounts of the several proceedings in our Jurisdiction and pointed out such further Alterations Powers and Authorities as we then thought necessary to be remarked to you, since which your President & Council have sent us Copys of the 29. 35. 36. 37. 38 & 49 Paragraphs of your Letter to them of the 24th. January 1753 and likewise of the 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 113, 114 & 115 Paragraphs of your Letter to them of the 31st. January 1755 to both which we shall now reply.

2. . . The 29th. Paragraph of your General Letter of the 24th. January 1753 seems to intimate that the Oath of a Native of India might sometimes be dispensed with and his simple Affirmation taken, We cannot help representing that We think the admitting Indulgences of this Nature to be very improper, as it would encourage the giving of Partial or false Evidence and induce every Native to expect the same favour.

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3. . . Just before the receit of this Paragraph from your President and Council Rawsum Vencatachilum a Braminy and late Dubash to the Company, summoned as a Witness in a Cause then depending in this Court, after having given his Deposition before the Examiner refused to attest the Truth thereof on Oath—Complaint being thereupon made by the Examiner to the Court, the said Rawsum Vencatachilum presented a Petition, Praying that the Ceremony of an Oath might be dispensed with, as it was contradictory to his Religion and Custom of his Cast, which Petition was set aside for reasons mentioned at large on the Minutes of the 24th. June last, Extract of which is hereunto annexed Paper No. 1, And upon the said Paupa Braminy being order'd into the Custody of the Sheriff for Contempt, He consented to take the Oath. Nella Cundatokur and Gocul Terwaudy two Braminies of a high sect or Cast, as well as considerable Merchants of this Place, have complied with the form of this Court, in taking the Oath prescribed to them, and many other Persons of reputation amongst the Natives have likewise done so. From whose compliance and Example We have great reason to imagine the taking of an Oath will seldom be refused by any of the Natives.

4. . . In Answer to the 35 Paragraph wherein you recommend "with "respect to the method of proceeding in all Actions and Suits & in the proving "of Wills, Granting Letters of Administration to Intestates Estates, that "the Rules and methods Prescribed by the Book of Instructions should be "pursued" We have only to assure you that the same has been strictly complied with and in regard to the 36, 37 & 38 Paragraphs containing Instructions relating to the Office of Attornees, Copys thereof have been delivered to the several Attornies, and care taken that the same are duely observ'd.

5. . . Due observance will be paid to the Explanations contained in the 110 & 111 Paragraphs of your General Letter dated January 31st. 1755, to the former, concerning the Re-Electing the same Person for Mayor & to the latter so far as relates to the vacation of the seat of an Alderman by absence.

6. . . A Debate arising on the latter part of the 111 Paragraph, and on the 114 Paragraph of this Letter respecting the resignation of an Alderman whether the same should be look'd upon as containing an absolute Order or only deliver'd by You as a matter of Opinion. It was determined by a Majority to be matter of Opinion only. The reasons of the Majority as well as those of the dissenting Members are inserted at length in the Annexed Paper No. 2.

7. . . Having Answerd the several Paragraphs of your abovementioned General Letter We shall now point out to you such Cases, as have happen'd in the Course of our Proceedings concerning which We desire a particular information.

8. . . On the 15th. April last We receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Henry Vansittart One of the Aldermen and Judges of this Court, setting forth "That "you had been pleased to appoint him to a Post which took up so much of his "time, that he found it impossible to give the necessary attendance to the "business of this Court. He therefore thought himself obliged to beg leave "to resign his seat." The said Letter being duely Considered, it was determined that Mr. Vansittart should have Permission to resign for the several reasons mentioned in the annexed Paper No. 3 Page 3. The then Mayor dissenting to the said resolution, his reasons are likewise inserted in Paper No. 2 Page 5. A Letter was wrote the 28th. April to your President and Council, advising them of our having granted Mr. Henry Vansittart permission to resign his Seat of Alderman and desiring that the Vacancy occasioned thereby, might be filled up. But they omitted to Answer this Letter till the 24th. July following, when we received a Letter from their Secretary by their Order, acknowledging the receit of our Letter of the 28th. April and enclosing the several Paragraphs of your General Letter of the 31st. January 1755 above mentioned particularly referring to the 114 Paragraphs representing that the

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method which Mr. Henry Vansittart must take should he be desirous of resigning his Seat as Alderman, was therein clearly pointed out, Notwithstanding which it was thought necessary by a Majority of the Members of this Court to confirm the resignation granted to Mr. Henry Vansittart for the reasons enter'd at large on the Minutes of the 11th. August 1755, Copy of which are hereunto annexed Paper No. 3. The then Mayor and One of the other Members dissenting to the above resolution their reasons are also enter'd in said Paper Page 46.

9. . . As the neglecting to fill up the Vacancys occasioned by the Death Resignation &ca. of an Alderman for a considerable time, may possibly be attended with bad Consequences, We therefore imagine it to be highly proper, that there should be a time limitted for filling them up, and that within a few days, Our several reasons for the same may be seen.

10. . . We shall be glad to receive particular information with regard to Debts owing on Bond from one Native of India to another, how far the same may be transferr'd to Europeans or others capable of prosecuting in this Court without Eluding the Intent and meaning of the Charter. There has been only two suits of this kind decided yet in this Court Viz., Henry Vansittart Vers Obelapetty and Charles Bourchier Verss. Cambay Narrain and it appearing to the Court that they were both transferrs made on a valuable consideration, Decrees were given for the Complainant. In the last suit the Defendant Demurr'd to the Bill of Complaint as an evasion of the Charter, which Demurrer was dismiss'd thō not without the Dissents of two of the Members Who alledged that this might be opening a Door for Europeans to lend their Names to the Natives to sue in this Court, contrary as they apprehended to the Intent of the Charter. Their dissents are enter'd in Paper No. 4 Page 1. Some restrictions perhaps may be necessary in this case but to prevent it in General might be a means of hindering Europeans and others from recovering their dues from Natives Who had money owing to them from other Natives, capable but not willing to pay. If the Natives of India should continue excluded from the Court Applications of this Nature will be more frequent. There has likewise been lately preferr'd a Bill of Complaint by Manoel Leal Verss. Podiga Chittee Annuntyah upon a transfer of the like Nature, but as the Debt appears to have been brought by the Complainant considerably under value We have taken time to consider whether the said Bill shall be receiv'd or not.

11. . . In our Letter to you of the 7 January 1755 we mentioned the case of Insolvent Debtors in these Parts since which an Instance has happen'd in Solomon Salomons, who Petition'd this Court to take Charge of his Estate and to appoint Trustees to manage the same for the use and benefit of his Creditors. The Proceedings are hereunto annexed No. 5 for your Inspection and We are desirous of knowing the opinion of Council on this matter in order to be a guide for us in future cases of the like Nature.

12. . . If either the Mayors Court at Bengal or Bombay have transmitted to you any doubtfull or intricate Cases upon which it has been necessary to have the Opinion of Council, We desire that such Cases and Opinions, may be sent Us as the same may be of particular service to us should difficulties of the like Nature occur here.

13. . . As some doubt has arisen among us about those words of the Charter which excludes the Indian Natives of Madraspatnam only but makes no mention of those of the Subordinate Settlements, we should be glad to know whether the latter are meant as well as the former, We are of Opinion that they are and our practice hitherto has been conformable to the same; this We mention'd to Your President and Council in our Letter of the 4th. February 1754 but you sent no Answer to this particular.

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14. . . We have already in our Letter of the 4th. February 1754 given you our Opinion with regard to the Indian Natives being excluded from applying to this Court, and now beg leave to refer you to the Minutes of the 11th. of August Paper No. 3. Page 48 where that Subject is mention'd again. We do not hear that your President & Council have as yet taken any step in this Affair in Consequence of the 109 Paragraph of your Letter to them of the 31st. January 1755.

15. . . As some of the Records & Wills of the former Mayors Court were lost at the taking of the Town, and as it is frequently necessary for Us to refer to them We here enclose you a List of such as are wanting and request you will be pleas'd to send us Copys of the same.

16. . . We request that in future, in all matters relating to this Court, you will be pleased to correspond immediately with the Court expressly distinguishing what you would have us observe as orders from you in Consequence of that Clause of His Majesty's Charter, which authorizes to make such Rules and Orders for the better Administration of Justice as you shall from time to time think fit and necessary from any thing that may be deliver'd by you as matter of opinion only.

We are
HONOURABLE
Your most Obed. humble. Servts.

SIGN'D By Order of the Mayors Court.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1ST. MARCH 1756.

DANIEL MORSE,
Reg.

FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1756.

The Honble United Company's Cash. Dr.

		P.	F.	C.			
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	1316	58325	43	2936	5	43
2	To Henry Powney Import Warehouse-keeper recd of him on his running Account	2400	—	—	2400	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him the Ballance of that Account for Decemr. last	510	4936	16	647	4	16
—	To Alexander Wynch Storekeeper recd of him the Ballance of that Account for December last ..	2015	1053	42	2044	9	42
—	To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country receiv'd of him in part of 6 Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
	To Pondarum &ca. Managers of Chindadre Pettah recd of Josias Dupre Secretary on Account of Duties collected by him Vizt.— (P. F. C.) Ballance of the year 1754. 73 5896 51; Ballance of what Collected in part of 1755. — 1608 60	73	7505	31	281	17	31
	Carried over Pagodas.	16314	71820	52	18309	—	52

Per Contra. Cr.

		P.	F.	C.			
5	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	4000	—	—	4000	—	—
9	By Fort St. David sent thither ₿ Fanny Schooner ..	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	By Fort Marlbro paid the amount of a Certificate dated 19 Sepr. 1755 for ₿ 700 recd into Cash thereof at 16½ ₿ for 10 Pagodas of Captains Joseph Kendall & Joseph Gabbet payable to Captain Edmund Maskelyne	424	8	52	424	8	52
11	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
20	By Alexander Wynch Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	500	—	—	500	—	—
—	By Claud Russell Accountant-General of the Mayors Court paid his draught to Alexander Wynch Esqr. Attorney for Edward Croke Administrator of the Estate of Robert Worth Account the said Estate.. ..	106	—	—	106	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	16030	8	52	16030	8	52

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THE HON~BLE~ UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

Dr.

Day		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought over Pagodas ..	16314	71820	52	18309	—	52
9	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper rec̃d of him on his running Account	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
20	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper rec̃d of him on his running Account	7000	—	—	7000	—	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers rec̃d of them for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st Ultimo.	200	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License rec̃d of them for one months rent of that Farm due the 1st Ultimo	—	12800	—	333	12	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty rec̃d of them for two Months rent of that Farm due the 1st Ultimo	—	6000	—	166	24	—
28	To Meerza Mahomed Caussum Renter of St. Thome' rec̃d of him for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. December last ..	1575	—	—	1575	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	27089	107420	52	30050	24	52

PER CONTRA—*cont.*

C.

Day		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought over Pagodas ..	16030	8	52	16030	8	52
22	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	—	90000	—	2500	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ca. ..	5000	—	—	5000	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1750	—	—	1750	—	—
		22780	90008	52	25280	8	52
29	By Ballance Carried to next Months Account	4421	16618	20	4882	22	20
	Carried over Pagodas.	27201	106626	72	30162	30	72

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THE HON~BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.* DR.

		P.	F.	C.			
Brought over Pagodas ..		27089	107420	52	30050	24	52
— To Bills of Exchange rec~d for one sett of this date drawn on the Hon~'ble Court of Directors at Ninety days sight payable to Mrs. Hannah Dawson or order for £ Ster 20 at the stated Exchange of 7/8 ℔ Pagoda		52	6	20	52	6	20
— To Account Current London rec~d for Permission of Passage to England on the Eastcourt Vizt. of Mr. Francis Muriell. 30 — Of Mrs. Ann Westcott .. 30 —		60	—	—	60	—	—
STAR OR CURRT. PAGODAS.	27201	106626 [*sic*]	72		30162	30	72

PER CONTRA—*cont.* CR.

	P.	F.	C.			
Brought over Pagodas..	27201	106626	72	30162	30	72
STAR OR CURRT. PAGODAS ..	27201	106626	72	30162	30	72

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.

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Sailed Success Galley Peter Duncan for Bengal. 4
Dº. Sloop London Henry Kerr . . Dº. —
Arrived Sloop AlaBux Delale Cawn from Balasore. 5
Sail'd Snow Hartop in the Honble Company's service, Thomas Savage for Fort Marlbro with General Letter to the Deputy Governour & Council dated yesterday. 8
Arriv'd Sloop Orange Tree William Dogan from Fort St. David. 10
Sail'd Brigantine three Brothers Andrew Kerr for Nicobars. —
Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dat: 8th. Inst. —
Dº. from the Supra Cargoes of the Warren at Canton dated 1st. November 1755. —
Dº. from the Supra Cargoes of the Kent and Britannia dated 1st. November 1755. —
Dº. by Pattamar two Dº. from Ingeram one dat: 22d. Febry, being a Duplicate the Original ℔ Sloop Nancy not yet recd and the other dated 23d. Febry. —
Arriv'd Ketch Boneta John Edwards from Bengal with General Letter from the President & Council there dated 4 Febry. 11
Arrived the Hon'ble Company's Sloop Dragon Assem Condon from Fort St. David. 12
Do. Phoenix Schooner William Holland from the Malabar Coast & Sail'd again the same day for Bengal. 14
Dº. Ship Orixa, Thomas Powney from Manilha. —
Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Tellicherry dated 22d. Febry. —
Arriv'd sloop George Thomas Reason from Bandarmalanka, with two General Letters one dated the 22d. Febry the other the 23d. —

At a Consultation

Present:

Monday the 15th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. Presidt.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.

Mr. Perceval *Indisposed.*
Mr. Smith *at Deve Cotah.*
Mr. Bourchier *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 4th. Inst. read and sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Fort St. David.

No. 42 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 8th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 22d. ultimo ℔ Dragon and advising that the Copper Cash & Redwood Piles turn out right and they should send the Sloop back the next day, enclosing their monthly Accounts for January with the Report of their Committee on them, and acquainting us that they are examining the Accounts back to the Month of June, that finding the Service would bear a reduction of Peons they have struck of 71, desiring We will enquire into the Affair of the Tappies mentioned in the Committees Report.

From Canton.

Nº. 43 From Messrs. Frederick Pigou &ca. Supra Cargoes of the Warren at Canton dated the 1st. November last acquainting Us that they have receiv'd our Letter of the 17th. July with the Silver Consign'd them by the Rhoda &

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Prince of Wales and also the Packet of Instructions for the homeward bound ships and the Packet for Messrs. Harrison, Fitzburgh and Flint which they have forwarded.

From Canton.

No. 44 From Messrs. Frederick Pigou &ca. Supra Cargoes of the Kent and Britannia at Canton dated the 1st. November last, acquainting Us that the Company by a new regulation having Consignd these ships to them they receiv'd the Letters we wrote Messrs. Misenor &ca. on that subject, that both those ships arrived in good time that the other ships Consign'd to Canton, and the Holderness to Ningpo all came safe, but the Bombay Castle very late, requesting that the ships intended for Canton from this Coast may be dispatched as early as possible and when they happen to be late that the Commanders may be forbid touching at Malacca.

From Ingeram.

No. 45 & 46 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram the first (being a Duplicate the Original whereof is not yet recd) dated the 22d. Ultimo advising the receit of our Letters of the 29th. January & 12th. February, and that he has consign'd us on the Honble Companys Account 45 Bales of Calicoes ℔ Sloop Nancy, That he is very sorry We have found reason to Contradict what We before wrote concerning his Cloth sent up in September, tho' he took particular care in the sortment but hopes what since sent will make amends, enclosing Duplicate Account Quick Stock. The other is dated the 23d. February and serves only to accompany Duplicate of his last.

General Letters read.

From Bengal.

No. 47 From Roger Drake Esqr. Presidt. and Governour &ca. Council at Fort William dated 4th. Febry advising that the Denham imported there the 25th. January from Negrais which place she did not leave till the 24th. December. That Captain Meard has protested against Mr. Brooke for his late Detention, that they are endeavouring to get the ship ready if possible to be dispatch'd to Europe the latter end of February. That upon weighing off the Barbary Copper ℔ Duke of Dorset there was a deficiency of 45 maunds 15 Seers which Captain Forrester has paid for, but apprehends it must have happen'd from a Mistake here they therefore enclose a Copy of his Letter to them and desire that if We find it an Error we will advise the Honble Court of Directors. That the Copper receiv'd from Europe turns out but 15 Maunds short out of 200 Tons. Desiring an early supply of money which will be of the greatest Importance to the provision of their Investment desiring also that the proportions of Treasure We send them may be One quarter Bullion and the remainder half Arcot and half Madras Rupees. That they shall want 200 tons or 6000 Maunds of Redwood, and desiring to be inform'd what quantity of Salt Petre We shall have occasion for enclosing a Packet from Negrais and advising that the Duke of Dorset left Ingilee for Tellicherry the 1st. Instant and they are loading the St. George for Europe.

From Tellicherry.

No. 48 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Tellicherry dated the 24th. February acquainting us that they are advised from Gheriah of the taking of that place the 13th. Instant by Admiral Watson and burning of Angrias Fleet consisting of 12 Grabbs, including the Restoration with one hundred and twenty Gallivats, and that Angria himself surrender'd with his whole Family Prisoners. That the Pelham is not yet dispatched from thence (Tellicherry) for England being detain'd till the Duke of Dorset arrives that 200 Tons of the Salt Petre on board her may be laden on the Pelham, and that by their advices receiv'd they believe the Strethamwill leave Bombay about the latter end of February for England.

From Bandarmalanka.

No. 49 & 50 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka the first dated the 22d. February advising that he has Consign'd Us by the George Sloop on the Companys Account Seventy one Bales, desiring besides his last Indent We will send a Chest of Stationary and a Candy of Country Match, acquainting us that there is a mistake in the Invoice of Cloth by the Fortune

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of 29 fanams too much on the Package of each White Bale. The other is dated the 23d. February advising that he has sent up by the Sloop George one Matthew Peters a Topass * who is out of his senses.

Agreed that the report of the Committee of Accounts at Fort St. David on their accounts for January enclosed in their Letter beforementioned be referr'd to the Committee of Accounts here to revise the same with the Accounts to which it refers and report their remarks, And that all future reports from Fort St. David be referr'd in like manner.

Report St. David Accounts referr'd to the Committee of Accounts here.

Mr. Andrew Newton having been order'd up hither that he might proceed to the Negrais as Chief but on Account of his bad state of health Captain John Howes being appointed in his stead Order'd that Mr. Newton return to his former station at Fort St. David, or to be otherwise employed there as the service may require.

Mr. Andrew Newton to return to St. David.

Order'd that the Sub Accomptant and Steward do annually on closing the General Books the last of April, take an Account of all the Companys Furniture, Plate, Utensils &ca. remaining, particularizing what hath been added since the last Account taken and what is deficient and the reason of such deficiency in order that the Account may be accurately adjusted in the old and carried forward in the New Books.

An Account to be annually taken of the Companys Furniture &ca. by the SubAccomp. & Steward.

Order'd that Mr. John Whitehill, who lately came from the Negrais for the recovery of his health, return thither to his former station.

Mr. John Whitehill to return to the Negrais.

A Bill for sundry Presents made by Mr. Whitehill to the Burmah King at Dagoon and to Upper Rajah at Syrian amounting to Fifty two Pagodas being laid before the Board is order'd to be paid.

A Bill of presents to the Burman King &ca. be paid Mr. Whitehill.

Order'd that the Mayor and the two Senior Aldermen be desired to meet the President and Council on Thursday the 25th. Instant to consider of a proper Method to be recommendd. to the Company for determining Matters of property amongst the Indian Natives and that the Chiefs of the Casts be summon'd to attend at the same time.

The Mayor & 2 Senr. Aldermen to meet the Council the 25 Inst. & the Chiefs of the Casts summoned.

Letter from the Import Warehousekeeper read as enter'd hereafter representing that $\overset{\text{Ca.}}{50}$—$\overset{\text{lb.}}{19}$ of Lead having been deliver'd to Linga Chittee for the Mint he has applied to him for Payment thereof at the Invoice price being $\overset{\text{P.}}{11}$—$\overset{\text{f.}}{8}$ ℘ Candy, which he declines alledging that his Agreement is to have it at Ten Pagodas ℘ Candy.

Letter from the Impt. Ware-Ho.Kr. in relation to the price of Lead for the use of the Mint.

Order'd that it be charged to him at the rate of Ten Pagodas ℘ Candy.

Settled at p 10 ℘ Ca.

General Letters to Mr. Henry Brooke, Chief of the Negrais and Captain John Howes, appointed to succeed him also Dispatch to Captain George Baker of the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore are now sign'd.

Dispatch to Negrais sign'd.

Order'd that twelve months Interest due the 21st. February on six thousand Pagodas deposited at six ℘ Cent for the use of the Female Orphan House be paid to Padre Severini amounting to Three hundred and sixty Pagodas.

One yrs. Interest to the Female Orphan House to be paid Padre Severini.

* An Indo-Portuguese employed as soldier by the Company.

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Advance to Tellisinga Chittee Acct. the Invest.

AGREED That Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas be advanced to Tellisinga Chittee and Condapah Chittee on Account of the Investment.

& Advance to the Commissary.

And that Twenty thousand (20,000) Rupees be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops &c[a].

Money paid in by the Impt. W. Ho. Kr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in six thousand (6000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Land Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Four hundred and nine Pagodas, eleven fanams and twenty Cash (409. 11. 20) for the January Ballance of that Account.

Rents paid in Tripossore Country 6 Mos.

Royal Pundat Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country pays in Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Chingalaput in part of 6 Mos.

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country pays in Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas in part of six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Poonamallee in part of 6 Mos.

Numboor Vencata Soubiah Farmer of the Poonamallee Country pays in Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas in further part of six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. January.

1 Mo. Beetle and Tobacco.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Perumal Kellava Chittee pay in the following Rents Viz[t].

Arrack & Wine License.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24.) for one Months Rent of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12–0) for one Months Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. Ultimo.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A[R]. WYNCH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[A]. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I have made frequent application to Linga Chittee for the Payment of Pagodas 575. 15. 43 for 50–19 (Ca. lb.) of Lead delivered for the use of the Mint in the months of June & July but he refuses paying for it, as it is charged at P. 11. 18 ℔ Candy the Invoice price, his agreement being, to have it at Pagodas 10 ℔ Candy you will be pleas'd to favour me with your Orders for my proceeding and am with due Respect,

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obed. humble. Servants,

FORT S[T]. GEORGE,
15 MARCH 1756.

HENRY POWNEY.

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Sailed the Hoñble Companys Sloop Cuddalore George Baker for Negrais.	15
Arriv'd Sloop Beverly Vellabore Syrang from Vizagapatam.	16
D°. Caley Persaud, Lala Bayram from Balasore.	—
Sail'd the Hoñble Company's Sloop Dragon, Assem Condon for Fort St. David.	17
Sign'd General Letter to the President and Council at Bengal to go by the Orange Tree Sloop.	—
Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 2d. Inst.	18
Arriv'd Sloop Nancy Thomas Cooper from Ingeram.	19
Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Anjengo dated 20th. Febry.	21
Sailed Ketch Boneta John Edwards for Fort St. David & the Malabar Coast.	22
Arriv'd Brigantine Indravemann, Mahomet Caussum from Malabar.	—

AT A CONSULTATION.

PRESENT

TUESDAY 23RD MARCH

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILL. PERCEVAL.

MR. SMITH *at Devecotah.*
MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 15th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General letters read from Bandarmalanka.

No. 51 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 2d. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 11th. & 16th. February and acquainting Us that having a long time been in great want of a Cloth Godown he had begun it before he receiv'd our orders to the contrary and as the Expence will be but trifling he desires our leave to go on with it & shall wait our further Orders in regard to the Wall acquainting Us also that he has receiv'd the supply of Pagodas & Stores by the Fortune snow and hopes soon to receive more, as the having large sums in the Merchants hands before the French and Dutch receive their supplys will greatly contribute to the success of his Investment, enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement for last Month.

From Anjengo.

N°. 52 From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated the 20th. February, acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 25th. June 20th. September & 23d. November and advising that our Hoñble Masters ship Pelham imported at Tellicherry the 10th. February from whence she is to be finally dispatch'd for Europe.

Treasure to be sent to the Northern Settlements.

AGREED that Thirty thousand Rupees (30000) and Five thousand (5000) Madras Pagodas be sent to Vizagapatam, Five thousand (5000) Madras Pagodas to Ingeram and Five thousand (5000) Madras Pagodas to Bandarmalanka on Account of the Investment.

Report proof of Powder to be return'd being unfit to be recd.

A Report of the proof of some Gunpowder lately made at Egmore being laid before the Board with a Letter from the Engineer (as enter'd hereafter) whereby it appears to be very deficient of its proper strength and unfit to be receiv'd into the Magazines, ORDER'D that it be return'd to the maker.

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Muster of Brimstone to be prov'd and reported.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board Musters of Brimstone to be purchased for making of Gunpowder ORDER'D that the several sorts be proved & reported.

Account Sale of Broad Cloth Lead & Copper.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter, an Account Sale of Forty two Bales of Broad Cloth, One hundred and sixty Candies of Lead and Thirty one Candy Fifteen Maunds twenty Pounds & an half of Copper sold at Outcry the 16th. Instant at the following rates on an Average Vizt. the Cloth at one Pagoda ₱ Lot advance, the Lead at Thirteen Pagodas, thirteen fanams and forty Cash ₱ Candy, and the Copper at Ninety six Pagodas, thirty four fanams ₱ Candy.

Ship George freighted to relieve the Prince George at Negrais. George to touch at Vizagapatam to land Stores & Treasure. A Cargo of Paddy to be put on board there for the Negrais. Prince George to proceed to Bengal to refit.

The Hon̄ble Companys Ship Prince George, now lying at the Negrais being in want of Repair and the Owners of the ship George a Country Vessell of the Burthen of One hundred and fifty Tons offering to let her for a Guard ship at that place at the rate of three hundred Pagodas ₱ Month Agreed that she be freighted on those terms to relieve the Prince George and to lye there as long as there may be occasion, that she be dispatch'd immediately and call at Vizagapatam to deliver sundry Stores for refitting the Arcot Snow and the Treasure above Agreed to be sent for the Use of Vizagapatam and Ingeram, that a Cargo of Paddy be there put on board her and then dispatch'd to the Negrais, and that the Chief of that Settlement be directed on the Arrival to send the Prince George away directly to Bengal to be repair'd.

33 Military to be sent to Negrais ₱ George. 200 Pags. advanced for their Diet.

AGREED that Thirty three Military be sent to the Negrais on the ship George and that the Storekeeper advance two hundred Pagodas to the Commander for victualling them at the rate of Eight fanams a day.

2971 Rs. advanced Mr. Heriot for the repairs of the Arcot Snow.

AGREED that Mr. John Heriot be advanc'd Two thousand Nine hundred and seventy one Rupees on his Contract for Repairing the Arcot Snow as enter'd after Consultation the 20 Febry last, and that sum is now order'd to be Issued from the Treasury to the Storekeeper for that purpose.

Mr. Munro requests and has leave to resign his Office of an Alderman.

Letter from Mr. Andrew Munro read, as enter'd hereafter representing that being unable by reason of a bad state of Health and the Business of his Profession to give a due attendance to the Mayors Court he therefore requests leave to resign his place and Office of an Alderman, which is Granted.

The Companys Shroff Confesses his sealing fans instead of Pags. The fanams sent to St. David confiscated. The Deficiency to be replaced & sent by Peons. The shroff to be kept in Custody.

The Company's Shroff having Confessed that he seal'd up the Fanams mention'd in Consultation the 4th. Instant instead of Pagodas and his Effects having been seized and the produce of part paid insufficient to replace the deficiency, Order'd that the Fanams which were sealed up instead of Pagodas be confiscated and placed to the Account of Fines and Forfeitures at Fort St. David and that the sum of Three thousand and one Pagodas, to make up the deficiency of the Treasure Consing'd to St. David by the Fanny, be sent to Fort St. David by Peons and that the Shroff be kept in Custody till further Orders.

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Agreed that Twenty thousand Pagodas (20000) be sent to Fort St. David by Peons overland.

20000 Pagodas to be s.nt to St. David.

An Account of six Months Salary, which will become due to the Honble Companys servants at this Presidency the 25th. Instant, is now laid before the Board and order'd to be paid and enter'd hereafter.

Account Salary pass'd

Henry Powney Import Warehousekr. pays in two thousand seven hundred Pagodas (2700) on his running Account.

Money paid in by the Impt. Ware Ho. Kr.

Agreed that Five thousand pagodas (5000) be advanced the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca.

Advance to the Commissary.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

Account Salary due to the Honourable Company's Covenanted Servants from the 25th of September 1755 to the 25 March 1756.

		Months.	days	₱ Ann.	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.
George Pigot Esq .	President & Governour	6	—	£ 200	100	—	—	..			..		
	Gratuity.		..	100	50	—	—	..			..		
								150	—	—	375	—	—
Henry Powney ..	2d. of Council	6		100		..		50	—	—	125	—	—
Robert Orme ..	3d. of Do.		..	70		..		35			87	18	—
Alexander Wynch	4th. of Do.		..	50		..		25	—	—	62	18	—
William Perceval	5 of Do.		..	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
John Smith ..	6 of Do.		..	40		..		20		—	50	—	—
Charles Bourchier	7 of Do.		..	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
Dawsonne Drake	Senior Merchant ..	6		40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
John Walsh ..	Do.		..	40		..		20	—	—	50	—	—
Henry Vansittart	Junior Merchant ..	6		30	15	—	—	..			..		
	Gratuity as Translator.		..	30	15	—	—	..			..		
								30	—	—	75	—	—
Samuel Ardley ..	Do.		..	30		..		15	—	—	37	18	—
Edward Edwards	Do.		..	30	15	—	—	..			..		
	Gratuity as Assay Master.		..	80	40	—	—	55	—	—	137	18	—
Josias Dupre' ..	Factor ..	6		15	7	10	—	..			..		
	Gratuity as Secretary		..	100	50	—	—	..			..		
	Do. as Clerk of the Peace.		..	45	22	10	—	80	—	—	200	—	—
John Browning ..	Do.		..	15		..		7	10	0	18	27	—
				Carried over		..		547	10	—	1368	27	—

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ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S COVENANTED SERVANTS FROM THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER 1755 TO THE 25 MARCH 1756—*cont.*

Name	Employment		₰ Ann Months days.	£.	S.	D.	£.	S.	D.	£.	F.	C.
	Brought over			..			547	10	—	1368	27	—
James Alexander	Gratuity as clerk of the Peace.	..	15	7	10	—	..			..		
	Gratuity as Sub-Accomptant ..	..	100	50	—	—	..			..		
	D°. for keeping the Cos. Accots. with the M. Court	..	20	10	—	—	..			..		
							67	10	—	168	27	—
John Smith ..	D°.	..	15	..			7	10	—	18	27	—
Daniel Morse ..	D°.	..	15	7	10	—	..			..		
	Gratuity for keeping the Books of the M. Court ..	..	20	10	—	—	..			..		
							17	10	—	43	27	—
Charles Simpson ..	Writer ..	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
George Stratton ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Philip Francis Greenslate ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Matthew Clarke ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
James Bourchier ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Thomas Maunsell	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Claud Russell ..	d°.	..	5	2	10	—	..			..		
	Gratuity as Accompt. General of the M. Court	..	20	10	—	—	..			..		
							12	10	—	31	9	—
Thomas Rumbold	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
George Pyne ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Smith ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Alexander Dalrymple	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
John Davidson ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Samuel Johnson ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
James Mc. Carmich	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
William Aldersey	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
John Palmer ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Thomas Kellsall ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Floyer ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
William Barker ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
John Maxwell Stone	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Archdale Palmer	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
Abraham Browne	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
John Douglas ..	d°.	..	5	..			2	10	—	6	9	—
The Revd. Mr. Robert Palk.	Chaplains		100	..			50	—	—	125	—	—
The Revd. Mr. Samuel Stavely.	Chaplains		100	..			50	—	—	125	—	—
Andrew Munro ..	Surgeons		36	..			18	—	—	45	—	—
Robert Turing ..	Surgeons		36	..			18	—	—	45	—	—
							843	10	—	2108	27	—

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HON^BLE COMPANY'S BROAD CLOTH LEAD & COPPER BY PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZ .

The time of sale.	No. Quality of the Goods.	Lot or quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at	Price sold. at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
16th. March 1756 ..	Broad Cloth Aurora 1, Ord^y Red 2, Green 2	6 Bales	Pags. 500 3 60	P. 575	..	Pag^s 576 — —	Bussovapah Chittee
	D°.	6 D°.	D°. ..	D°.	..	576 — —	Arnagady Chittee
	D°.	6 D°.	D°. ..	D°.	..	576 — —	Sheally Chitthe
	D°.	6 D°.	D°. ..	D°.	..	576 — —	D°.
	D°.	6 D°.	D°. ..	D°.	..	576 — —	Teagapah Chittee
	D°.	6 D°.	D°. ..	D°.	..	576 — —	Vellapah
	D°.	6 D°.	D°. ..	D°.	..	576 — —	Oppah Chittee
		42 Bales.					4032
	2 Lead	20 Candy	D°. 11 14 44	D°. 13 4 40	Pag^s. 13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Bussovapah Chittee
	3 D°.	20 D°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Arnagady Chittee
	4 D°.	20 D°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Arnachilum.
	5 D°.	20 D°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Arnagady Chittee
	6 D°.	20 D°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Singanah
	7 D°.	20 D°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Byruah Chittee
	8 D°.	20 d°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Teagapah Chittee.
	9 D°.	20 d°.	D°. ..	D°. ..	13 13 40	D°. 267 18 —	Vellapah.
							2140
		160 Candy			Carried over Pagodas		6172

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S BROAD CLOTH LEAD & COPPER BY PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZT.—cont.

The time of sale.	No.	Quality of the goods.	Lot or quantity. Ca.	M.	lb.	Invoice Price.	Price up at.	Price sold at.	Account of each lot.		To whom sold.
									Brought over Pagodas ..	6172 — —	
16th March 1756	1	Copper Fine	5	—	15	Pags. 68 34 30	Pag. 80	Pags. 96 18 —	Pags. 485 14 20		Vellapah.
	2	D°. Coarse	5	—	—	D°. 67 8 65	D°. 78	D°. 96 9 —	D°. 481 9 —		Sheally Chittee
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	4	D°.	5	—	—	D°. ..	D°.	D°. 96 27 —	D°. 483 27 —		D°.
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	6	D°.	5	—	—	D°. ..	D°.	D°. 97 18 —	D°. 487 18 —		D°.
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ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ HENRY POWNEY.

Impt. Ware Ho.Kr.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1756——

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST. GEORGE &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Having Enjoy'd but a bad state of health for sometime past, and the Business of my Profession otherwise not permitting me to give the Honble the Mayors Court, that due Attendance that is thought requisite and necessary, I therefore beg leave of Your Honour &ca. to permit me to Resign my station of Alderman in that Honourable Court.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Sert.
A. MUNRO.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 22D. MARCH 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Here annex'd is the Proof of Powder lately brought from Egmore which I conceive unfit to be receiv'd into the Magazines; I must here beg leave to Observe that the Sulpher which has been made use of all this Time past was unfit for that Manufacture. John DeRoos the Maker will acquaint the Board what Applications he has made to have it Exchanged.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hum. Sert.
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 21ST. MARCH 1756.

A PROOF OF COUNTRY MADRAS POWDER COMPARED WITH EUROPE POWDER PROVED AT FORT ST. GEORGE MARCH 18TH. 1756 WITH A COHORN & ROYAL MORTARS.

Elevation. O	Powder lb. Ozs.	Cohorns Distance.		Royalls Distance.		Cohorn shell 8 lbs. weight. / Royall shell 16 lbs. Wt.
		Country Powder.	English Powder.	Country Powder.	English Powder.	
		YARDS	YARDS	YARDS	YARDS	
		14	53	20	69	
45	1 Oz.	13	59	17	68	
		13	57	18	70	
		37	170	41	148	
45	2 Oz.	48	158	43	143	
		39	177	45	121	
		293	424	90	184	
45	3 Oz.	219	404	88	237	
		280	474	89	250	
		538	678	272	420	
45	4 Oz.	460	702	231	410	
		558	733	254	416	
		661	872	347	814	
45	5 Oz.	692	887	382	826	
		674	867	339	805	

JOHN BROHIER.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1756*——

Arriv'd the Honble Company's Sloop Dragon Assem Condou from Fort St. David. 25

Sail'd ship George John Heriot for Vizagapatam and Negrais. —

Do. Sloop Orange Tree William Dogan for Bengal. —

Sent by Peons to Fort St. David General Letter of this date with Three thousand and one Pagodas. —

At a Consultation

Wednesday the 25th.

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. Presidt.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

Mr. Smith *at DeveCotah.*
Br. Bourchier *Absent with leave.*

George Mackey Esqr. Mayor and Mr. John Walsh Senr. Alderman being also Present, agreeable to the desire of the President & Council signified to them by order of the Board the 15th Instant in order to Concert a proper Method to be recommended to the Company for determing [*sic*] Matters of Property amongst the Indian Natives, after some debate it was moved that previous to any resolution the Opinion of the Chiefs of the Casts and other the most considerable Persons amongst the Natives, should be taken whether it would be more agreeable to the Body of the People to have their own Customs preserved to them in all or any Cases, or whether in any they prefer the English Laws, And whether they had rather the decision of these Matters should be by their own people or Europeans which motion being approved, the Chiefs of the Casts and other Considerable Persons who were summon'd to attend this day were called in and the President having acquainted them with the intention of their being summon'd proposed to them the abovementioned Questions to which, after they had discoursed amongst themselves, they replied that they look'd upon it as a Matter of too great Consequence for them to give their Opinion on without first Consulting the People of their several Casts and therefore they desired that they might be allowed some time to call them together which is granted. And that they may proceed herein with regularity as well as that the Board may be duely Certified of the General sense of the people, The Secretary is directed to deliver an Authentick Copy of the following Instructions to the Companys Interpreter that the same may be by him and Paupa Braminy another Interpreter, translated into the several Languages of the Casts & deliver'd to the Chiefs and the said two Interpreters are to see that the Method prescribed be duely observ'd Vizt.

Orders & Instructions.

The Indian Natives being by a Clause in the New Charter excluded from the Privilege of having their disputes with one another in regard to matters of property determin'd in the Mayors Court, which exclusion the President and Council are inform'd is by some thought a Grievance, And being desirous that a certain Method should be fixed and settled whereby the Indian Natives not only may obtain strict Justice in such disputes, but also have that Justice distributed in such manner as may be most for the General Good of the settlement and agreeable to the Body of the Inhabitants, Therefore that they may

be informed what is the General sense of the people It is ORDER'D that the several Casts of people Inhabiting this Settlement, Braminies Right & Left hand People, Moors and all others, be called together as soon as conveniently may be and acquainted with the Intentions of the President & Council and the following questions delivered to the Chiefs of each Cast in Writing Vizt.

1st. QUESTION.

Whether they Chuse their own Customs shall be preserv'd to them in all points whatsoever relating to Matters of Property amongst themselves.

2d. QUESTION.

Whether they Chuse the Heads of their Casts, or any others amongst them, should decide in matters of property agreeable to their Customs or whether they had rather that decision should be by Europeans they taking to their assistance a sufficient Number of Natives to inform them of the Nature of those Customs.

Which two Questions being deliver'd in Writing to the Chiefs of each Cast every particular Cast is then to be deliberate seperately on them and the Opinion of the Majority of the People of each Cast shall be reduced into Writing and read publickly to that Cast in presence of the Companys Interpreter, Moodee Kistnah, and Paupah Braminy, as another Interpreter, and being in their presence approved by the Majority of each Cast shall be sign'd by the said two Interpreters and delivered to the Chiefs of each Cast And the Opinion of each Cast being so taken as aforesaid all the Chiefs of each Cast shall then assemble themselves and produce in that Assembly the Opinion of their respective Casts on the said two Questions. And the Chiefs among themselves having deliberated thereon shall draw up a report in Writing to be laid before the President and Council on or before the 26th. day of April next in which report shall be set forth whether the Casts are unanimous, and if they should not be unanimous, how many are of one Opinion and how many of another and also whether the Chiefs agree in Opinion with the Casts, and if not how many of them Agree in Opinion and how many dissent and what are the reasons for such dissent, this being done the Chiefs of the Casts are to depute twelve Persons of their Body to present the said report to the President & Council at such time as they shall appoint.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 24 Instant. 27

Sent by Peons Twenty thousand Pagodas to Fort St. David with a General Letter of this date. —

Arriv'd ship Seerangenaire Mahamet Cawn from Pegue. 28

Do. Sloop Bombay from Bengal & Nagore. 29

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At a Consultation

Present

Tuesday the 30th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. Presidt.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.
Will: Perceval.

Mr. Smith *At Deve Cotah.*

Mr. Bourchier *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 23d. & 25th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letter from St. David read.

No. 53 General Letter from Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 24th. Instant read acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 17th. with the stores ⅌ sloop Dragon which Vessell they return again to us enclosing the report of their Committee on the Accounts from June to December requesting a supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas.

Letter from the Mayors Court signifying a Vacancy by the resignation of Mr. Munro.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court read signifying that the Seat of Mr. Andrew Munro late one of the Aldermen and Judges being Vacant by resignation he is directed to acquaint us therewith that the same may be filled up. Order'd that the said Letter be enter'd hereafter.

5000 Madras Pagodas to be sent to Maddapollam.

Agreed that Five thousand (5000) Madras Pagodas be sent to Maddapollam by the Sloop George on Account the Investment there, and two General Letters to the Resident at that Settlement advising thereof and of others matters before resolv'd are now Sign'd.

80 Barrells Gun powder to be sent to Vizagapatam ⅌ Beverly sloop.

Order'd that Eighty Barrells of Coarse Gunpowder be sent to Vizagapatam by the Beverly Sloop, and General Letter advising thereof is now sign'd.

Rupees sold to sundry persons. Linga Chittee to deliver in Madras Pagodas at 10½ ⅌ Cent.

The Gentlemen at the three Northern Settlements giving us hopes of a successfull Investment if they are kept fully supply'd with money and Linga Chittee offering to provide Thirty thousand Madras Pagodas (30000) at ten and an half (10½) ⅌ Cent Batta to be deliverd Vizt.

{ M.P. 10,000 the 20 April
{ Do. 10,000 the 10 May
{ Do. 10,000 the 30 Do.

and to receive the value now in Rupees at the present Exchange of 368 Rupees for 100 Pagodas the Board agree thereto and an Order is now sign'd to the Committee of Treasury to Issue the same being One hundred and twenty one thousand Nine hundred and ninety two Rupees and also seven thousand three hundred and sixty (7360) Rupees sold the President at the same rate for ready money and twelve thousand Rupees sold Mr. Alexander Wynch at twenty one days trust.

2,000 Pagodas paid in part Freight of the Hartop.

Agreed that two thousand Pagodas be advanced the Owners of the Hartop snow on Account of the Freight of that Vessell to the West Coast.

Money paid in by Impt. Ware Hos. Krs.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand One hundred Pagodas (4100) on his running Account.

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William Perceval Land Customer pays in Four hundred and seventy four Pagodas seven fanams and sixty nine Cash (474. 7. 69) for the February Ballance of that Account. **Land Customer.**

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Town Brokerage pay in Three hundred and fifty Pagodas (350) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Instant. **6 Mos. Rent of Town Brokerage.**

AGREED that Forty Eight Pagodas twenty nine fanams and fifty five Cash (48. 29. 55) be paid the President for the Ballance due to the Mint on the February Account. **February Mint Ballance paid.**

And that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

To the Paymaster Two thousand five hundred Pagodas (2500) for the Charges of that Employ. **Advances to the Paymaster.**

To the Military Paymaster Nine thousand (9000) Pagodas to pay the Military &ca. **Military Paymr.**

To the Military Storekeeper seven hundred Pagodas (700) for the Charges of that Employ. **Military Storekr.**

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

The seat of Mr. Andrew Munro, late One of the Aldermen & Judges of the Honble the Mayors Court, being become Vacant by Resignation, I am directed by the said Court to acquaint your Honour &ca. thereof that the Vacancy may be filled up as soon as possible.

I am with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23D. MARCH 1756.

DANIEL MORSE.
Regr.

Sail'd Sloop Beverly for Vizagapatam with General Letter to the Chief &ca. Council there dated yesterday. 31

Sail'd Sloop George Thomas Reason for Bandarmalanka with two General Letters to the Resident there both dated yesterday. —

Arriv'd Ship Prince Henry of Prussia, Mathew Clinkaart, from Bengal. —

Sloop Providentia, Jurgen Holberman from Bimblepatam. —

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1 Arriv'd Ship Moobare Manghil, Mahomed Moonim from Bengal.

— D°. Ship Mary, John Douglas from Tavoy.

— D°. Ketch Jenny Prajojee from Tavoy.

3 Sail'd Sloop Bombay Mahomed Anni from Balasore.

5 D°. Sloop Nancy Thomas Cooper for Ingeram.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R GOVERN^R PRESID^T.
STRING^R. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEX^R. WYNCH.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.

M^R. SMITH *At Deve Cotah.*

M^R. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 30th. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

Mr. Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just Cause of Complaint.

Letter from the Supra Cargo of the Prussian Ship Henry Prince of Prussia desiring to know whether he may land her Cargo of Rice &ca. from Bengal.

The President lays before the Board a Letter to him from M^r. Thierion de Chanlay Supra Cargo of the ship Henry Prince of Prussia lately arriv'd from Bengal (Translation of which Letter is enter'd hereafter) representing that being obliged to stay this Season in India the ship is let out to Freight for a Voyage to this Coast only, that there are several Moor Merchants on board with their Merchandize which he desires they may be permitted to land and that the rest of his Cargo Consists of Rice, Wheat, Gram &c^a. which he is Commission'd to dispose of in respect to which he desires to be inform'd what Conduct he shall observe that he may confirm himself thereto.

relating to the Prussian ship.

The Cargo permitted to be landed, the Rice to be purchas'd for the Company.

but Goods for the Europe Market prohibited.

The abovementioned ship belongs to His Majesty the King of Prussia and touch'd here in June last in her Passage from Europe but the Supra Cargoes not being allow'd to Trade they proceeded to Metchlepatam where they sold all or the greatest part of their Cargo to the French at so low a rate that it is said the Chief of that Settlement who purchased it for his own Account has made a very large Gain on the Sales from thence they proceeded to Bengal where it is said the French have undertaken to invest the produce of their outward bound adventure in a returning Cargo for Europe but not being able to accomplish it this season the Supra Cargoes have let out the ship to Freight to Moormen and others for Voyage to the Coast. The Board considering that the Cargo on board that ship cannot come within the intent and meaning of the Companys prohibition as it does not in any degree affect the European Trade but on the contrary is an Advantage to the Settlement as well from the Customs which will arise on the Merchandize as that the Importation of Grain at this time is very acceptable a Quantity being now wanted for store AGREED that the Supra Cargos be permitted to land their Cargo and that the Grain be purchased for the Company's Account at the Market Price if the Supra Cargos consent to dispose of it at that rate. And it is also AGREED that the Supra Cargos be prohibited purchasing any kind of Goods proper for the Europe Market.

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The President acquaints the Board that he is advised the Ship Elizabeth is arriv'd at Nagore from Bengal with a Cargo of Rice and is to touch at Fort St. David. As it is proper to have a quantity of Grain in Store there AGREED to write to the Deputy Governour and Council that if the Cargo should not be sold on the Elizabeths Arrival there, to purchase it on the Companys Account at the Market Price if it be of the proper sort, if not to advise Us what quantity can be procured from the Country and at what rate.

The Elizabeth expected at St. David from Bengal (Her Cargo of Rice to be Purchased there).

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to resolution of Consultation the 30th. December Thirty five Mussoolah Boats are now compleatly refitted and several of them entirely rebuilt and that five more to make the Number Forty (which it is judged will be sufficient for the service of the Settlement) are now in hand AGREED that One thousand Pagodas be now advanced on Account and carried to a New head of Mussoolah Boats, to be open'd for that purpose on the General Books and that when all the forty Boats are compleatly repair'd or rebuilt an exact Account of the Charge be laid before the Board. It is also order'd that at the end of every year an Account of the earnings and Charges of the Boats be laid before the Board and the amount carried to the above Account and that the Ballance be wrote off from it to or by Profit & Loss.

35 Mussoolah Boats already refitted & rebuilt & 5 more in hand.

Advance Order'd on that Account & other directions.

Agreeable to Resolution of Consultation the 19th. January Notice having been then given by Beat of Tom Tom that the Houses and Boats of such of the Headmen who had absconded and did not return within six days should be Confiscated to the Companys Use, And as the Chiefs who stand indebted to the Company did not return agreeable to that Notice, and are still absent ORDER'D that the Boats which belong'd to them be valued; That their Houses be sold at Outcry at the Sea Gate, previous Notice being given thereof by beat of Tom Tom; that the value of the Boats and produce of the Houses be carried to the Credit of the Account Pasqual &ca. Boatmen and that the Ballance of that Account be wrote off to Profit & Loss. AGREED also that the value of the other old Boats which belong'd to divers Persons who return'd in pursuance of the said Notice be also valued and the amount thereof paid to the Owners and carried to the Account of Mussoolah Boats, but as most of the Boats are now refitted or rebuilt so that the real value of them in the Condition they were when they were taken for the Companys Account cannot be exactly assertain'd it is order'd that the Method to be observed in valuing the old Boats be to estimate them when compleatly repair'd at thirty five pagodas each Boat and deducting therefrom the Charges of compleatly refitting every one particularly, the difference to be reckon'd the value of the old Boat, And the Secretary is Order'd to see that the foregoing directions be duly carried into execution.

Houses & Boats of the Head Men who Absconded to be sold & the old Boats to be valued.

Directions how to apply the produce.

The Secretary to see it done.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board a List of Fine Goods to be provided for the ships returning 1756 extracted from the List of Investment dated 1754 and receiv'd 1755 AGREED that this Board do meet at the Sorting Godown tomorrow morning at Nine O'clock to examine the Musters and ORDER'D that the Merchants be summon'd to attend there at that time.

List of Fine Goods produced.

AGREED that Mr. Robert Dowset a Writer at Fort St. David be order'd Up to this Presidency to be employ'd here.

Mr. Dowset order'd up from St. David.

The Secretary lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter the resignation of Mr. Andrew Munro under his hand and seal, of his Office of an Alderman of the Mayors Court pursuant to the permission granted him the 23d. Ultimo.

Mr. Andrew Munro resignation of his seat as Alderman.

Captain Edward Burman being thereupon propos'd as a proper person to fill up the Vacancy occasion'd by the abovemention'd resignation is unanimously elected an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Capt. Edward Burman chosen an Alderman in the room of Mr. Munro.

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Mayors Court desire an advance of 500 Pagodas. Granted.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court read as enter'd hereafter requesting an advance of Five hundred Pagodas to defray the Charges of that Corporation which is Granted.

Money paid in from the Mayors Court Account Estate S. Salomons.

A certificate being presented to the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court, that the Trustees to the Estate of Solomon Salomons are to pay into Cash the sum of Two thousand Pagodas on Account of the said Estate, a Receit is now sign'd for the same.

Linga Chittee contracts for 15000 Madras Pagodas & receive Rupees @ 368.

Agreed that besides the Thirty thousand Madras Pagodas which Linga Chittee contracted the 30 Ultimo to provide a further Contract be made with him for fifteen thousand more at the same rate of Ten and an half ℘ Cent Batta and he being now called before the Board undertakes to deliver them the fifteenth of June next and to receive rupees in payment the 1st. of May at the present Exchange of three hundred and sixty eight Rupees for One hundred Pagodas amounting to sixty thousand Nine hundred and ninety six Rupees (60996) which are order'd to be Issued to him from the Treasury.

A Company of Infy. given to Wm. Pye Esq.

The Company lately Commanded by Lieut. Colonel Heron being vacant by his dismission from the service Agreed that the Command of it be given to Mr. William Pye, who has born [*sic*] a Commission in His Majestys service and came out a Volunteer in 1752 with the Companys recommendation to be promoted according to his Merits and a Commission is now order'd to be drawn out accordingly.

Order'd also that Brevets be drawn out for the undermentioned Volunteers to Rank as Ensigns Vizt.

Stephen Smith	the 5 April 1756.
Ross Lang	6 do.
Alexander Tuite	7 do.
William Robson	8 do.

Cash Accot. read for March.

The President reads the Cash Account for last month as enter'd hereafter Ballance then remaining compar'd with the Chest Five thousand three hundred and sixty five Pagodas eight fanams and fifty four Cash (5365. 8. 54) which is carried forward.

Impt. Ware Ho. Kr. pays in money on Account.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Two thousand five hundred (2500) Pagodas on his running Account.

Rent of Chingalaput paid in.

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingleput Country pays in six thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas (6250) which with ten thousand Pagodas paid in the 15 Ultimo is in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. February.

Rent of Covelong.

Pushponatha Nayenar Renter of the Covelong Country pays in Four Thousand Pagodas (4000) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. February.

Advance to the Military Storekr.

Agreed that One thousand (1000) Pagodas be advanc'd the Military Storekeeper for the Charges of that Employ.

& to Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah & Nella Chittee Accot. the Investment.

And that ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas be advanced Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah & Nella Chittee on Account of the Investment.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.

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THE HON~BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH Dr.

		P.	Fas.	C.	P.	F.	C.
1	To Ballance Brought from last Months Account	4421	16618	20	4882	22	20
13	To Henry Powney, Import Warehouse-keeper rec~d of him on his running Account	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
—	To William Perceval Land Customer rec~d of him for the January Ballance of that Account ..	298	4007	20	409	11	20
—	To Royal Pundat Renter of the 7 Magans of the Tripossore Country rec~d of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo ..	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country rec~d of him in part of six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country rec~d of him in further part of six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. January ..	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas .	40719	20625	40	41291	33	40

PER CONTRA Cr.

		P.	Fas.	C.	P.	F.	C.
15	By Tellisinga Chittee and Condapah Chittee adv^d. them on Account of the Investment ..	15000	—	—	15000	—	—
—	By the Roman Female Orphan House paid Father Severini One years Interest on Pagodas 6000 at 6 ℔ Cent due the 21st. February as ℔ Bond	360	—	—	360	—	—
23	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca.	5000	—	—	5000	—	—
25	By Account Salary paid the Honble Company's servants six Months salary due this day ..	2108	27	—	2108	27	—
27	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland ..	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
30	By Fort Marlbro~ advanced the Owners of the Hartop snow in part of the Freight of that Vessell to the West Coast ..	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
—	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas to the Mint for February	48	29	55	48	29	55
	Carried over Pagodas ..	44516	56	55	44517	20	55

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The Honble United Company's Cash. Dr.

Brought over Pagodas .	40719	20625	40	41291	33	40
13 To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Beetle & Tobacco Farmers recd of them in full for one Months Rent due the 1st. Ultimo ..	200	16800	—	666	24	—
— To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence recd of them in full fo one Months Rent due the 1st. U timo	—	12000	—	333	12	—
23 To Henry Powney Import Warehouse-keeper recd of him on his running Account	2000	25200	—	2700	—	—
29 To Current Pagodas recd from the Treasury	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
30 To Do. ..	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
— To Henry Powney Import Warehouse-keeper recd of him on his running Account .. .	4100	—	—	4100	—	—
— To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Town Brokerage recd of them in full for six Months rent due the 1st. Instant.	350	—	—	350	—	—
Carried over Pagodas ..	59369	74625	40	61441	33	40

Per Contra—cont. Cr.

Brought over Pagodas ..	44516	56	55	44517	20	55
30 By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that employ ..	—	90000	—	2500	—	—
— By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ca, ...	9000	—	—	9000	—	—
— By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	700	—	—	700	—	—
— By Batta Issued for the purchase of fanams as ℔ Contra	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
	55216	90056	55	57717	20	55
31 By Ballance carried to next Months Account	4498	31220	54	5365	8	54
Carried over Pagodas ..	59714	121277	29	63082	29	29

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The Hon'ble United Company's Cash—*cont.*					Dr.		Per Contra—*cont.*					Cr.	
Brought over Pagodas ..	59369	74625	40	61441	33	40	Brought over Pagodas ..	59714	12277	29	63082	29	29
30 To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him for the February Ballance of that Account ..	345	4651	69	474	7	69							
— To Batta for the produce of 1000 Pagodas Issued as ꝑ Contra & Exchanged into Fanams at the rate of 42 fanams ꝑ Pa. and brought to Account here at the rate of 36 fanams ꝑ Pagoda.	—	42000	—	1166	24	—							
Star or Currt. Pagodas.	59714	121277	29	63082	29	29	Star of Currt. Pags. ..	59714	121277	29	63082	29	29

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To the Hon'ble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to draw upon Your Honour &ca. for the sum of Five hundred Pagodas to defray the necessary Charges attending that Corporation.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient Servant,

Fort St. George,
30th. March 1756.

Daniel Morse,
Regr.

I Andrew Munro One of the Aldermen of the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam for Divers good Causes and Considerations me hereunto moving do by these Presents resign Surrender and Yield up my said Place and Office of an Alderman of the said Court and all Rights Powers and Privileges thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto George Pigot Esqr. President and Governour of Fort St. George and the Council thereof and to the President and Council for the time being In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in Fort St. George the twenty third day of March in the twenty ninth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &ca. and in the Year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

(SS)
A. Munro.

witness
John Smith.
Edwd: Burman.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.

Sir,

Permit me to restore myself to your remembrance by assuring you of my Respect.

Under the sanction of the Favours & Politeness you honour'd me with, Sir, when I touch'd here in my Passage from Europe in the month of June last, I thought I might with entire confidence come again into your Road.

I have the Honour to inform you Sir that the ship belonging to His Majesty the King of Prussia on which I am on board of, being obliged to pass the season in India, is let out to Freight for this Voyage to the Coast of Choromandel only that there are actually on board Six Moor Merchants, with their Merchandize Freighted on this Ship for your City. I beg the favour Sir you will permit them to be landed without delay. For the rest, The ship has on board a Cargo of Rice, Wheat, Gram &ca. which I am Commission'd to dispose of, you will be pleas'd to prescribe what Conduct I shall observe here & I will subscribe to it very obediently Whilst I wait your Orders do me the favour to believe that I am very respectfully,

Sir,
Your most humble & most Obedient,
Servant
Thierion De Chanlay.

On Board the Ship
Henry Prince of Prussia
the 31 March 1756.

6 Arriv'd ship Ganjaour, Shaick Sandout from Bengal.

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AT THE SORTING GODOWN.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

TUESDAY THE 6TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDT.
ROBERT ORME. HENRY POWNEY.
WILLM. PERCEVAL. ALEXR. WYNCH.

COLONEL LAWRENCE *Indisposed.*
MR. SMITH *at DeveCotah.*
MR. BOURCHIER *Absent wth. leave.*

Proceedings in the Investment of Fine Goods.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter a List of Fine Goods to be provided for the ships returning in 1756 as extracted from the List of Investment dated 1754 and receiv'd 1755 he also lays before the Board the several Musters. The Board then having taken under Consideration in what manner to engage for the Provision of these Goods, whether by again giving Public Notice for Proposals to be laid before them or by offering the preference to the Merchants who last Year undertook this branch, or others but considering that when Notice was given last Year that the Board would receive Proposals none were offer'd for the Fine Goods except only by Sunca Ramah and that for such part only as are known to be the most profitable Articles and without which none of the Merchants would undertake the rest, the Board therefore are of Opinion that as such frequent ineffectual Publications only serve to lessen in the Eyes of the Publick the Character of a Companys Merchant which has hitherto been held in great repute, it is more for the Company's Interest to engage with the old Merchants if they will undertake it on satisfactory terms than to Give Notice for further proposals. It is thereupon Agreed that the Proposals be made to the last Years Merchants with the Addition of Nella Chitty who has particularly shewn a good disposition to exert himself in the branch wherein he has been hitherto employ'd and that it be divided in the following proportions Vizt. Tellisinga Chittee One quarter Linga Chittee One quarter Servanna Chitty One quarter, and Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah and Nella Chitty together, the remaining quarter. They being thereupon call'd in and the Musters produced to them with the prices they acquainted the Board that they did not doubt being able to keep up the several Manufactures to the quality of those Musters tho they could not undertake it at the prices offer'd, but the Board being of Opinion that one with another the several sortments might be provided at the rates mention'd in the List insisted peremptorily on their immediate Answer whether they would or would not undertake to provide them, they thereupon desired leave to withdraw to Consider of the Proposals, and after sometime return'd and acquainted the Board that they submit to the terms offer'd them. The President thereupon acquainted them that the Board being resolv'd if possible to keep up the Manufacture were determin'd that every piece of Goods brought in worse than the Muster should have an Abatement in the price equal to the inferiority of the quality and that on the other hand as encouragement to them to use their best Endeavours to keep up and even mend the Manufacture they might depend on having a proportionable Advance on the stipulated Price for every Piece they should bring in better than the Muster And further told them it was expected that in consideration of the preference given them in the Provision of the fine Goods they should every one of them bring in also a large quantity of Coarse with which they express'd themselves contented promising a due observance and desired an Advance of Thirty thousand Pagodas which is Granted and they agree to receive half in Pagodas and half in Rupees at the rate of 368 Rupees for One hundred Pagodas.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.

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LIST OF FINE GOODS to be provided for the ships returning September 1756 and January 1757 as extracted from the List of Investment dated 29 November 1754 and receiv'd in 1755.

	Quantity.	Length.	Breadth.	No.			P.	F.	C.	
BETTEELAS ORIGINAL FINE ..	1500	32 Cº.	2 Cº.	Nº.	1	@	57	—	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	52	9	—	
BETTEELAS PULLIACAT ..	1200	32 Cº.	2 Cº.	Nº.	1	@	93	3	48	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	83	21	48	
BETTEELAS PULLIACAT ..	400	32 Cº.	3 Cº.	Nº.	1	@	142	18	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	133	—	—	
BETTEELAS PULLIACAT ..	100	32 Cº.	4 Cº. yd. I.	Nº.	1	@	247	—	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	228	—	—	
CHINTS MOOREAS FINE ..	1500	26 Cº.	1 8	Nº.	1	@	52	9	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	49	14	32	
CHINTS MOOREAS ORDINARY.	2000	14 Yds.	1 yd.	Nº.	1	@	26	21	48	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	24	25	16	
LAMPASS[1] MOOREAS ..	400	15 Cº.	2½ Cº.	Nº.	1	@	33	9	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	31	12	48	
LONG CLOTH SUPERFINE ..	800	72 Cº.	2¼ Cº.	Nº.	1	@	114	—	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	104	18	—	
MOOREAS SUPERFINE ..	1000	14 Yds.	1yd.	Nº.	1	@	74	3	48	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	70	10	64	
MOOREAS FINE	3000	14 Yds.	1yd.	Nº.	1	@	49	14	32	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	45	21	48	
MOOREAS ORDINARY	5000	14 Yds.	1 yd.	Nº.	1	@	26	21	48	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	24	25	16	
GINGHAMS BLUE striped with a Variety of Stripes and about 1/3 of each Bale Chequered.	1000	7½ Yds.	7/8 yd.	Nº.	1	@	23	27	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	21	30	48	₿ Cº.
GINGHAMS Red striped with a Variety of Stripes and about 1/3 of each Bale Chequered.	500	7¼ Yds.	7/8 yd.	Nº.	1	@	29	16	16	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	27	19	64	
ALLEJARS[2] to be of a bright Red.	500	8 Yds.	7/8 yd.	Nº.	1	@	27	2	56	
				Nº.	2	@	25	6	24	
CALLOWAPORES[3] Dº.	1200	8 Yds.	7/8 yd.	Nº.	1	@	27	2	56	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	25	6	24	
SASTRACUNDIES[4] Dº.	3000	8 Yd.	7/8 yd.	Nº.	1	@	28	18	—	₿ Cº.
				Nº.	2	@	26	21	48	
SASTRACUNDIES Romalls without Glazing from Metchlepatam.	3000	12Yd.	7/8 yd.	Nº.	1	@	40	13	40	
				Nº.	2	@	38	—	—	

7 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 5 Instant.

9 Arriv'd snow Don Carlos Ballea from Fort St. David.

— Sail'd the Honble Company's Sloop Dragon Assem Cundou for Fort St. David.

— Sail'd by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

10 Arriv'd snow Fortune Owen Williams from Fort St. David.

— Dº. ship Amparo, Manoel de Moreas from Macao.

11 Sailed snow Don Carlos Ballea for Ingeram.

— Arriv'd ship St. Catherina Juan Ribeira from Macao.

— Dº. Swallow Galley David Lang from Bombay.

* *Moorees, Morrees,* Blue Cotton Cloth, Love's Vestiges page 114.
1 A kind of glossy crape (Murray's Dictionary).
2 Appears to be a silk cloth, page 13 Hobson-Jobson.
3 A kind of coloured chints (Pringle.)
4 These cloths take their name after a place called Sastrakunda, page 708, Hobson-Jobson.

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AT A CONSULTATION
Present

MONDAY THE 12TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
ROBERT ORME. HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.

COLONEL LAWRENCE *Indisposed.*
MR. PERCEVAL *Indisposed.*
MR. SMITH *at DeveCotah.*
MR. BOURCHIER *absent with Leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 5 & 6 Instant read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Fort St. David.

No. 54 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 5 Instant accompanying their Consultations & Monthly Accounts for February with their Committee report on them.

From Ingeram.

No. 55 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 10th. March enclosing the Accounts for February and requesting a supply of money having but barely sufficient for the Expences of the Current Month, and acquainting us that his Merchants promise a good quality of Cloth in case sufficient Advances are made them.

Brimstone to be Purchased for the Company.

The Military Storekeeper Reports to the Board that agreeable to order of Consultation the 23d. Ultimo the Musters of Brimstone which were then produced have been proved and are found to be of the proper quality for making good Powder AGREED that about Two hundred and eighty Candies (280) of it be purchased for the Company at the rate of Twelve Pagodas ₩ Candy and an Advance of Two thousand One hundred Pagodas is now Order'd to the Military Storekeeper to pay for the same.

Rupees sold.

An Advance of thirty thousand Pagodas having been Order'd the Merchants who have Contracted for Fine Goods of which only Fifteen thousand Pagodas have been as yet Issued and the Current Pagodas remaining being insufficient for the remainder and the advance now order'd to the Military Storekeeper, Mr. Robert Orme offers to purchase seven thousand seven hundred and twenty eight (7728) Arcot Rupees & Mr. Alexander Wynch six thousand (6000) Arcot Rupees for ready money at the Current Exchange of Three hundred & sixty eight (368) Rupees for one hundred (100) Pagodas which the Board agree to.

Capt. Burman sworn into the Office of Alderman.

Captain Edward Burman who was appointed an Alderman of the Mayors Court the 5th. Instant attending to take the Oath is introduced and the Oaths of Allegiance and Office are Administred to him by the President.

Rental General & Scavenger pays in Ballance of 1753.

The Rental General & Scavenger pays in Two hundred and Eight Pagodas ten fanams and seventy Cash (208. 10. 70) which with seven hundred Pagodas paid in the 20th. September is in full for the Ballance of those Accounts ending 31st. August 1753 as enter'd after Consultation the 5th. May last.

Rents paid in for Mannamangalam.

Royal Pundat Renter of the Mannamangalam Country pays in seven thousand (7000) Pagodas in full for six months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. February last.

Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permaul Kellava Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Beetle & Tobacco.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) in full for one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

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Arrack & Wine. Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333. 12.) in full for one Months Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. Ultimo, and

Measuring Duty. One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166. 24) in full for two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. Ultimo.

Adjourn to the Sorting Godown. The Board then ADJOURN'D to the Sorting Godown to examine the Fort St. David Cloth on which the Gentlemen at that Settlement in their Annual Address No. 28 desire particular directions.

AT THE SORTING GODOWN.

St. David Cloths examin'd and directions thereon. Several Bales of the different sorts of Cloths provided at Fort St. David being open'd and examin'd the Board are of Opinion as follows Vizt.

LONG CLOTH FINE white .. N°. 1 @ P. 68 ₰ C°. may be taken in as such considering the Circumstances of the time, thô the quality is but indifferent.

D°. .. N°. 2 @ 65 ₰ C°. this also may be taken as such on the same Consideration.

D°. .. N°. 3 @ 64 ₰ C°. this is very indifferent and must be mended if possible.

LONG CLOTH Salem White of this Cloth there is no N°. 1 which must not be suffer'd, the Merchants should be press'd to keep up the Manufacture as much as possible.

D°. N°. 2 @ 49–18 ₰ C°. This Cloth is pretty good and may be taken but as No. 2 it should be invoiced lower.

D°. N°. 3 at 48–18 ₰ C°. This is but barely passable and must be mended if possible.

LONG CLOTH Worriarpollam of this Cloth as well as the Salem there is no N°. 1 which must not be suffer'd.

D°. N°. 2 @ 46 18 }
D°. 3 45 18 } The Cloth of both these Numbers is so bad that unless it can be mended it must not be taken in.

SALLEMPORES* Midling, of this also there is no. N°. 1 which must not be.

D°. N°. 2 @ 23 18 }
D°. 3 @ 23 — } These two Numbers are more of an Ordinary Cloth than Midling, and may be taken in as such with a suitable Abatement, but not otherwise.

Cawn Moodelaire and Tenneveroy Pillah's Affairs not yet adjusted, the Presidt. to give directions. The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that agreeable to the Order of Consultation the 26th. May last he has frequently called upon the Fort St. David Merchants Cawn Moodelair and Tenneveroy Pillah as well as the Arbitrators whom they appointed to settle their Affairs to come to a conclusion but that they still delay and shew but little Inclination to put an end to their disputes. The President is therefore desired to call the parties before him, and give such directions as he shall think proper for having their Accounts in dispute speeedily adjusted.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.

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13 Sail'd Swallow Galley, David Lang, for Bengal, by this Conveyance sent a General Letter to the President & Council there dated this day.

14

15 Sail'd Snow Fortune Owen Williams, for Bandarmalanka.

— Arriv'd Sloop Durrill, Govinda Rama from Ballasore.

— D°. Snow Canterbury William Turner from Fort St. David.

— Sail'd Ship Ganjaour Shaick Sandoubt for Metchlepatam.

16 D°. Ship Seeranganaire Mahomud Claim for D°.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 12th Instant.

19 Arriv'd Snow Diligence William Ormston from Bombay.

* A kind of printed or spotted cotton cloth sometimes white—Hobson—Jobson page 708.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY THE 20TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Mr. Smith returnd from Deve Cotah takes his seat.

Mr. John Smith being return'd from Supravising Mr. Hopkin's Accounts and Conduct at DeveCotah takes his Seat and acquaints the Board that he left DeveCotah the 12th. Instant and that Mr. Hopkins proposed setting out the next day.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 12 Instant read and Sign'd.

General letter from Deve Cotah read.

No. 56 General Letter from Mr. Dawsonne Drake Provisional Chief of DeveCotah dated the 12th. Instant read advising that Mr. Smith set out that Morning on his return hither and deliver'd over the Charge of the Settlement to him with an Account Remains interchangeably signed by them both returning thanks for the Trust reposed in him & promising to discharge it to the best of his Power.

Rupees to be sold Linga Chitte part for ready money & part at Trust.

The President acquaints the Board that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David are in want of a supply of Pagodas and that there are but very few remaining in the Cash Chest & Treasury not even sufficient for the necessary Advances at the end of the month for the Service of the several Employs at this Settlement, he also acquaints the Board that Linga Chittee is willing to purchase thirty thousand Pagodas worth at the present Exchange of Three hundred and sixty Eight Rupees for One hundred Pagodas and to pay the amount in the following manner Vizt.

10,000	Pagodas	in ready money.
10,000	Do.	more on the 13th. May next &
10,000	Do.	remainder the 2d. June.
30,000	Pagodas.	

10,000 Pagodas to be sent to St. David.

which the Board Agree to, as also that Ten thousand Pagodas (10,000) be sent to Fort St. David by Peons overland.

Rupee sold Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart.

Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart also desiring to purchase five thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees at the abovementioned Exchange of 368 At. Rupees for 100 Pagodas The Board agree thereto and they are now order'd to be Issued when applied for.

Sea Customer pays in money.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Rent paid in Accou Poonamallee.

Numboor Vencata Soubiah Farmer of the Poonamalee Country pays in three thousand Nine hundred and sixty two (3962) Pagodas in further part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 1st. January last.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH

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22 Arriv'd ship Hazard, Thomas Lewis, from Cochin.
— Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 17th. March.
23 Arriv'd Snow Neptune, Joseph Austin from Persia and Fort St. David.
Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 7th.
— Instant.
Saild Snow Diligence, John Mills for Bengal.
25 Do. Sloop Hazard, Thomas Lewis for Do.
— Sent by Peons ten thousand Pagodas to Fort St. David with General
— Letter of this date.
Arriv'd Fanny Schooner, Ballea, Syrang from Counghe.
26 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 24th.
27 Instant.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

TUESDAY THE 27TH.

MR. BOURCHIER *absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. Instant read and sign'd.

General letters read vizt.

General Letters read from Bombay.

No. 57 From the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr. President and Governour &ct. Council at Bombay, dated the 17th. Ultimo acknowledging the receit of Our Letter of the 24th. January and advising that they now remit Us five Bills of Exchange on Amboidoss Narsindoss for Eighty thousand Arcot Rupees on Account of the Foreign Silver consign'd the Supra Cargoes of the Warren at Canton, three of them for Thirty five thousand (35000) Arcot Rupees being due the 24th. Instant and the rest the 10th. May. That they are sorry to hear the Dodington is not yet arriv'd, that they learn by private Advices from Surat she had not been at Batavia the 10th. October, but they are not without hopes she may have got to the West Coast after the date of Our last Advices from thence. That they dispatch'd the Pelham to Tellicherry the 1st. February with Orders to the Gentlemen there to lade 200 Tons of Salt Petre on her which was expected on the Duke of Dorset and to compleat her Tonnage with Pepper for Europe, but the Duke of Dorset was not arrived the 18th. February which obliged them to detain the Pelham. That they dispatch'd the Stretham to England the 15th. Ultimo having compleated her Cargo but were unable to send more than 115 Tons of Salt Petre on her having none left for Gunpower &ca. That the 16th. Ultimo His Majesty's ship Kent Rear Admiral Watson, arriv'd from Gheriah * and that the Cumberland was coming in, and they have the pleasure to acquaint Us that place surrendered to the Forces under his Command the 13th. February after an Attack of two days with little loss or damage on Our side, but Angrias whole Fleet consisting of eight Ketch Grabs, two three Mast Grabs on the Stocks and all his Gallivats with a great part of the Town were reduced to Ashes. That Toolajee left the Command to his Brother in Law and went to treat with the Morattas, with whom he still continues, but all his Family are Prisoners with Us, and a large Amount of Treasure Goods &ca. has been found which will be divided between the Kings and Company's Forces.

General Letters from Negapatam.

No. 58 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 7th. Instant acknowledging the receipt of Our Letters of the 11th. February 24th. and 30th. Ultimo with the Treasure and Stores ℔ George and

* Gariah or Viziadrug (Viziageriah) is 3 miles south of Rajapur in lat. 16°38' 32" N and long 73° 19'15 E. It was held by Angria and was bombarded and taken in 1775 by Admiral Watson and Clive—Encyclopedia of India by Edward Balfour, Vol. III, p. 1030.

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Gunpowder ₰ Beverly and advising that the George arriv'd there the 30th. Ultimo and having been very leaky in the Passage the Commander applied for a survey which was taken accordingly and on the Report thereof it appearing absolutely necessary to bring her into the River she accordingly came over the Bar and is now repairing. That agreeable to Our Orders a Cargo of Paddy shall be provided to be sent to the Negrais by the George, and they hope she will be ready to proceed before the Middle of the Month. That they have begun on the Repairs of the Arcot, and shall proceed therein agreeable to our directions. That Captain Jackson has been supplied with the Cuddalores Anchor and the Arcot's shall be sent up hither by the first opportunity. That they shall in future advise Us the beginning of the Year, of the General state of the Settlement and Transactions according to our directions. That Accounts are now taking of all Wares and Stores &ca. and the same shall be transmitted Us with the reasons for any deficiency. That they shall observe our directions on the Committees Remarks, and shall shortly send Us a Proposal for undertaking the Package of the Bales. That they have a Prospect of a plentiful Investment if they are kept supplied with money, they therefore request Forty five Thousand Madras Pagodas and seventy or eighty thousand Rupees besides what has been already sent them. That all Arrears of Wages to the Arcot snow have been paid off amounting to 4776 A. Rupees. That their Indents shall be sent Us when their Accounts Remains are finish'd enclosing their Monthly Accounts for March and desiring the Account Sortments of Cloth.

CLOTH on hand L.C.O. 287 Co. 13 Ps. L.C.F. 53 Co. 1 Ps.—S.O. 7 Corges. F. 1 Co. 16 Ps.

General Letter from St. David.

No. 59 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 24th. Instant acknowledging the receipt of Our Letters of the 25th. and 27th. Ultimo and 9th. Instant with two several Sums of Twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas and Three thousand and one (3001) Pagodas and acquainting us that the three Baggs of Fanams ₰ Fanny shall be carried to the Head of Fines & Forfeitures conformable to Our directions. That agreeable to our Orders they have purchased the Elizabeth's Cargo of Rice amounting to about 4000 Baggs at eighty Pagodas ₰ Garce which they are now landing That Mr. Dowsett in consequence of our Orders set out from Fort St. David for this place a few days ago. That the Export Warehousekeeper will deliver his Answer in a few days in regard to Packing the Companys Bales on the Terms prescribed. That they have enquired both to the Northward and southward for Angelee Plank but cannot get any, and having now but one Mussoolah Boat left, and that almost worn out, they desire we will supply them with two or three, as the Squadron will be otherwise much distressed should they call there. That their Ballance of Cash being low they request a supply.

3 Mussoolah Boats to be sent to St. David.

AGREED that three Mussoolah Boats be sent to Fort St. David as soon as the Weather will permit for the Service of that Settlement.

The Storekeeper reports some Transactions in relation to some rejected Powder, & proposes that the Maker be continued in his Employ on his former Contract.

Some Transactions relating to the Gunpowder that was rejected by order of Consultation the 23d. Ultimo having passed at a Committee when all the Members of the Council were not present the Storekeeper now begs leave for the information of those that were absent to lay before the Board what has been done in Consequence thereof. The Eighty Barrells of Gunpowder be return'd to the maker John DeRoos who after Tryal finding it impracticable to make it so as to turn out of a better proof presented a * Petition addressed to the President and Council but which was read at a Committee representing what he apprehended to be the Cause of the defect in that Powder and requesting leave to dispose of it as the loss he should otherwise, sustain by it would render him unable to proceed in that Work. On which Petition an † Order passed in the abovemention'd Committee that the Military Storkeeper

* *N.B.*—This Petition being now produced is enter'd hereafter.
† *N.B.*—No Minute was made of this Order.

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should take Charge of the Bullocks and Mill and that no more Work should be carried for the present, which he accordingly did, But the Powdermaker observing that the proof deliver'd in by Mr. Brohier the 23d. Ultimo was made only with a small quantity Viz. from 1 OZ to 5 OZ and it having been found upon repeated Tryals that in small quantitys the Europe Powder has much the superiority in strength to Country made Powder but that in large quantitys the strength of Country made Powder equals the Europe, procured a further Tryal to be made of the rejected Powder by which it was found to exceed the Europe Powder in a Tryal of 2 lb. and to be very fit for use as Cannon Powder on which the Military Storekeeper was the 20th. Instant at another Committee *ordered to receive it but to acquaint John DeRoos the Powdermaker to carry on the Work in the manner he did last year, which he did and in Answer receiv'd the accompanying *Letter and Proofs of Powder sign'd by the Artillery Officer, which he thinks it his Duty to lay before the Board for their further Orders, and proposes to the Board that the Powdermaker John DeRoos be continued in his Employ of Powdermaker upon the terms of his former Contract, not only as the Powder comes out infinitely cheaper to the Company but also as a larger quantity may be made which he apprehends is wanted to comply with the demand now made from St. David, and Experience has shewn that a larger quantity may be procured by this means than could be got whilst the Mill was managed on the Company's Account.

* This Order was not Minuted.

* This Letter and proofs are enterd hereafter.

The Powder Mill to be carried on for the Companys Accot. 25 Pagodas ₱ Month to be allowed John De Roos to conduct it. The Storekeeper to acquaint him & report his Answer.

The Board being of Opinion that the Powdermaker John DeRoos should not be continued in that Employ on the terms of his Contract but that the Work should be carried on for the Companys Account. Tht. Storekeeper is directed to signify the same to John DeRoos and to acquaint him that if he will conduct the Work for the pay of twenty five Pagodas ₱ Month as formerly the Board Consent to employ him but not otherwise, and the Storekeeper is further directed to report his Answer to the Board as soon as possible.

Account Sale of Woollen Goods Lead & 1 Pipe Mad. Wine.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board on Account Sale of Fifty four Bales of Broad Cloth and eight Bales of Perpetuanoes, Three hundred and sixty Candys of Lead and one Pipe (being all the remains) of Madeira Wine sold at Outcry the 24th. Instant Viz. the Broad cloth and Perpetuanoes at one Pagoda advance on the price put up at the Lead at thirteen Pagodas thirteen fanams and forty Cash ₱ Candy, and the Pipe of Madeira Wine for sixty five Pagodas. Order'd that the Account be enter'd hereafter.

Some Sugar Boilers to be Purchased.

The President acquaints the Board that twelve Iron Sugar Boilers have been offer'd him to sale for Pagodas Two hundred and forty (240) and as they may be wanted at the West Coast proposes their being purchased on the Company's Account which the Board agree to.

Lieutenants Commissn. ordered to be drawn out for Ensign Joeckher & an Ensign for Voluntеer Oswald.

Lieutenant Claud Lullin of Captain Gaupp's Company of Swiss being dead and Captain Gaupp recommending Ensign Charles Ernest Joecker to succeed him as second Lieutenant and Voluntier John Henry Oswald to succeed Mr. Joecker as Ensign.

Order'd that Commissions be made out accordingly, that Lieutenant Joeckers be dated this day, and Ensign Oswalds tomorrow.

Rupee sold.

Current Pagodas being wanted and Mr. Williams Perceval desiring to purchase Ten thousand Pagodas worth of Arcot Rupees at the Current Exchange

of three hundred and sixty eight Rupees for one hundred Pagodas AGREED that the amount at that rate being Thirty six thousand Eight hundred Rupees be deliver'd to him out of the Treasury accordingly.

The President as Cash Keeper pays in six Thousand (6000) fanams or (at the rate of 36 faanms ₩ Pagoda) One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166. 24.—) being the gain made this Month on the Exchange of One thousand Pagodas into fanams and acquaints the Board that altho the gain on the Exchange of Pagodas hath not hitherto been Minuted as paid in Consultation yet it has been regularly Accounted for as may appear on reference to the Cash Accounts. Gain on Exchange of Pagodas paid in.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Three thousand two hundred and Forty five Pagodas (3245) on his running Account. Money paid in by the Import Warehousekr.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand Five hundred Pagodas (1500) on his running Account. Sea Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Three hundred and sixty-four Pagodas Fourteen Fanams and thirty eight cash (364. 14. 38.) for the March Ballance of that Account. Land Customer.

Robert Orme and John Smith Renters of DeveCotah pay in Two thousand One hundred Pagodas (2100) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. December last. DeveCotah Rent paid in.

The Secretary pays in One hundred and forty four Pagodas (144) for twelve Months Rent due the 15th. January last of one of the Confiscated Houses the Corner of Charles Street let to Messrs. Lopez and DeCastro at 12 Pagodas ₩ Month. Rent of a Confiscated House paid in.

AGREED that Sixty Pagodas Eighteen fanams and Sixty Cash (60. 18. 60) be paid the President as Mint Master for the March Ballance of Current Pagodas due to the Mint And that the following Advances be made out of the Treasury and Cash Chest Vizt. Mint March Ballance to be paid.

To the Commissary out of the Treasury Twenty five thousand (25000) Arcot Rupees for the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca. Advances to the Commissary.

To the Paymaster out of the Cash Chest Four thousand five hundred Pagodas (4500) for the Charges of that Employ. Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster out of the Cash Chest Eight thousand Pagodas (8000) to pay the Military &ca. Military Paymr.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble petition of John DeRoos

Sheweth.

That Whereas your Petitioner agreed to make Powder under certain Restrictions as by the said Agreement will Appear reference being had thereto, and Your Petitioner having honestly and strictly complied thereto, as far as the goodness of the Ingredients would admit being such as Your Petitioner receiv'd from the Hon'ble Company's Storekeeper.

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And whereas some days ago Your Petitioner being ready to deliver into the Hoñble Companys Stores Eighty Barrells of Gunpowder, and Musters of the same on Trial having been said not to have been Proof.

Your Petitioner conscious of his Upright dealings in the Working of the same, can Attribute the not being of that proof that might have been expected to nothing but the badness of the Brimstone, he receiv'd and made use of therein.

And whereas the said Gun Powder hath been return'd on your Petitioner's Hands as reckon'd under Proof to the very great Loss of Your Petitioner as he cannot dispose of the same without Permission of this Hoñble Board. The working of the Mill being also stop'd for want of the receit of the money the said Powder would have amounted to, As also the Powder made in Europe being mix'd with sundry other Compositions, such as Camphire, Vinegar Urine &c[a]. not used in this Place for those purposes Your Petitioner humbly conceives the strength of the Powder he by Agreement was to make cannot but occasion an unavoidable difference between the Europe and Country Powder, even Admitting the accustom'd Ingredients made use of here to be of the best sort.

And Your Petitioner further humbly tenders to the Hoñble Board that if on Trial by proper Persons conversant in the business of Powder making, the Powder made by him be not agreeable to the Ingredients sent him, he is ready to submit himself to the severest Penalties.

Your Petitioner therefore most humbly Prays that this Hoñble Board will be pleas'd to take the same into consideration and that Your Petitioner will Engage on his having the liberty of refusal (if sent) and receiving no part of the Composition but what is usually good and will stand the Proof of from 4 to 6 Degrees by the Proof, to enter into such farther Articles for his faithfull behaviour therein as to this Hoñble Board shall seem Meet.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound

SHALL EVER PRAY
JOHN DE ROOS.

TO ALEXANDER WYNCH ESQ[R].

SIR,

This letter was Copied from the original.

Pursuant to your Commands I herewith enclose the proof of the Rejected Gunpowder made in the common way by moistning the Composition with fair Water this return was made the 3[d]. April 1756; as also the proof of powder moistning the Composition with Batavia Arrack mix'd with Camphire this Return was made the 14th. of April 1756 by Copys from Lieutenant Jennings's Book.

You will be pleas'd to observe by the said Returns that even the Condemn'd Powder though not answering the strength of the Europe in small Quantitys yet the same was Compar'd with it when prov'd in a large quantity although the Brimstone was not good, as that which I made the last Powder which is on an Equality with the Europe, and that I might both satisfy and be satisfied in case of any Questions being ask'd and I find that the 12 Hours beating is preferable.

As it may be conjectur'd that the Powder made here is not equally good with that of Pondicherry, I hereby declare that the Ingredients of the Composition and the working are the same; Excepting the making of Powder moistning with Brandy Arrack & Camphire or Spirits of Wine, Spirits of Vinegar, Spirits of Nitre, Spirits of Salt Armanaick and Camphire incorporated together to moisten the Composition, there is also some times used Urine and fair Water, or fair Water & Spirits of Wine for that purpose of all which

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several ways the different Spirits makes the strongest Powder, but is attended with the greatest Expences and as all the others are in proportion weaker, so are they attended with on adequate Expence.

I beg leave Sir to mention that in any of the above methods, I am ready to undertake the making the Powder but not for the Wages of 25 Pagodas that you was so good to offer me as formerly did but I did relate you already my intention that I cannot accept nor undertake by such Condition In regard of the Companys Conacoplys, whom shall give any occasion to a great troublesome and danger, as for the Powder mill likewise for my own Carecter [*sic*] which for their negligence would happen as formerly when the mill being in their description.

Humbly presuming that the Hoñble Board will be pleas'd to Consider the Extraordinary Charge I must necessarly be put too should any other method then [*sic*] the usual be chose which will at least with the Arrack and Camphire amount to Pagoda or two ℔ Candy and with the Spirits five Pagodas ℔ Candy.

And as Sir it may probably happen that some Articles will require an Explanation I would with Submission Pray leave to attend, that I may be able to answer any Question that may arise, when I doubt not but to set the whole in so clear a light, that his Honour and the rest of the Hoñble Board will be saisfied of my Abilities & Integrity in making either Gun, Musquet, Pistol Glaz'd or any sort of Powder Generally used.

I am with the greatest Respect,

Sir,

Your most Obed^t^. & most humble Servant,

John De Roos.

Madras,
April 25th. 1756.

A Return of the Proof of Cannon Powder made at Madras which being Condemn'd and return'd again to Powder Mill April the 3d. 1756.

By a Cohorn Mortar with the shell of 8 Pounds.		Country Powder, yards.	Europe Powder Fine, yards.
Powder 1 Oz.	1	19	53
	2	33	58
	3	27	64
D°. 2 d°.	1	73	143
	2	57	148
	3	81	139
D°. 3 d°.	1	128	184
	2	189	230
	3	191	208
D°. 4 d°.	1	271	410
	2	281	420
D°. 1 lb.	1	328	490
	2	327	480
	3	367	459
D°. 2 d°.	1	1013	930

W. Jennings.

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A Return of the proof of Cannon Powder made at Madras the 2D. and 3D. of April 1756 being made with new Brimstone.

	Fireing.	No. 1. Cann.	No. 2. Musq.	No. 3. Musq.	No. 4. Cann.	Europe Fine.
Powder 1 Oz.	1	26	24	24	28	53
	2	25	25½	25	30	58
	3	26	29	26	29	64
Powder 2 Oz.	1	79	91	87	84	143
	2	95	93	90	76	148
	3	76	89	81	54	139
Powder 3 Oz.	1	283	142	218	139	184
	2	144	205	229	120	230
	3	144	192	169	120	208
Powder 4 Oz.	1	235	337	318	281	410
	2	193	364	333	290	420
Powder 1 lb.	1	299	271	360	367	490
	2	343	372	313	323	480
	3	351½	352	391	368	459
lb. 2	1	984	985	1014	936	930

N.B.—Both Mortars Elevated Degrees 45
5½ Inches shell Weight .. .. 15 lb.
10 do. do. .. .. 96 lb.

W. Jennings.

A Return of the proof of Cannon Powder made with Composition of Batavia Arrack and Camphire, at Madras and being prov'd the 14th. April 1756 by Cohorn Mortor Weight the shell 8 lbs.

Fireings.		Coarse No. 1 Beat 12. Range Yards.	Fine No. 1 Beat 12. Range Yards.	Coarse No. 2 Beat 18. Range Yards.	Fine No. 2 Beat 18. Range Yards.	Coarse No. 3 Beat 24. Range Yards.	Coarse No. 3 Beat 24. Range Yards.	Europe Fine. Range Yards.
Powder 1 Oz. ..	1	28	25	25	27	34	35	53
	2	26	37	28	28	28	29	58
	3	29	31	28	30	28	30	64
Powder 2 Oz. ...	1	118	146	97	124	98	148	143
	2	116	124	85	92	100	145	148
	3	102	132	100	123	88	125	139
Powder 3 Ozs. ..	1	268	375	257	339	241	342	184
	2	344	298	265	336	271	300	230
	3	378	239	261	334	268	329	208
Powder 4 Ozs. ...	1	434	583	452	477	420	564	410
	2	381	608	470	624	399	541	420
	3	420	500	464	543	430	579	..
By Mortar of 10 Inches shell weight lb. 96..	..	1000	1026	1086	811	939	780	930 is 1 lb. 11 oz.

W. Jenning.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS BROAD CLOTH PERPETUANOES LEAD & MADEIRA WINE BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZT.

The Time of Sale.	No.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of Each Lot.	To whom sold.
24 April 1756.		Broad cloth. Aurora 2, Ordy. Red 2, Green 2	6 Bales.	Pags. 500 3 6	Pags. 575 ..	..	Pags. 576 — —	Arnagady Chittee.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Do.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Permaul Chittee.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Arnagady Chittee.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Paupah Chittee.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Do.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Do.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Sheally Chitty.
		Do.	6 Do.	Do. ..	..	..	,, 576 — —	Ditto.
			54 Bales.					5184
		Perpets. Ordy. Broad red 1. Popy. Green 2. Emerald Do. 1.	4 Bales.	Pags. 603 — —	Do. 694 ..	..	Pag. 695 — —	Comrapah Chittee.
		Do. Popy. Green 2. Emerald Green 2.	4 Do.	Do. ..	Do. ..	..	Do. 695 — —	Do.
								1390
			8			Carried over Pagodas ..		6574 — —

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Account Sale of the Honble Companys Broad Cloth Perpetuanoes Lead & Madeira Wine by Publick Outcry on the usual Terms vizt.—*cont.*

The Time of Sale.	No.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or quantity.		Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of Each Lot.	To whom sold.
							Brought over Pagodas ..		6574 — —
1 Lead	..		20 Candy ..	Pag . ..	11 14 44	Pags. 13 9 —	Pags. 13 13 40	Pag. 267 18 —	Comrapah Chittee.
2 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Mr. Orme.
3 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
4 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
5 Do.	..		20 Do ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
6 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
7 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
8 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
9 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Golla Singab.
10 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Comrapah Chittee.
11 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Mr. Orme.
12 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
13 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
14 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
15 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
16 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
17 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
18 Do.	..		20 Do. ..	Do. ..	..	..	13 13 40	267 18 —	Do.
			360 Candy.		..	..			4815
		Madeira Wine.	1 Pipe ..	Do. ..	43 24 3	40 — —	..		65 — — Condaaph.
							Pagodas ..		11454 — —

Fort St. George,
24th. April 1756.

Errors Excepted,
℔ Henry Powney,
Impt. Warehokr.

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Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. 27

Arriv'd His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captain Henry Smith from Bombay. 28

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.

JOHN SMITH.

MR. PERCEVAL *Indisposed.*

MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

WEDNESDAY THE 28TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The foul Minute of yesterdays Consultation directing the Storekeeper to acquaint John DeRoos the Powder maker that if he will conduct the Powder Works for the Pay of twenty five Pagodas ℔ Month the Board are willing to Employ him, and to report his Answer, being read.

Yesterday's Minute relating to the Powder maker read.

The Storekeeper accordingly reports that he had signified the same to John DeRoos who declined it saying that he could by other means Require more.

The storekr. reports DeRoos's Answer.

It was thereupon mov'd that the Work be carried on under the direction of some other person for the Companys Account, but Mr. Alexander Wynch being of Opinion that the terms propos'd by John DeRoos in Consultation the 2 December are more advantageous to the Company offers himself to Contract for supplying the Company with Gunpowder and acquaints the Board that he will be ready with his Proposals this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Moved to Work the Mill for the Companys Account.

Mr. Wynch offers to Contract for supplying the Company with Gunpowder.

AGREED that this Board will meet again tomorrow morning to receive and Consider of Mr. Wynch's Proposals.

The Board will receive his proposals tomorrow morning.

The President acquaints the Board that there being a great number of Seapoys in the Company's pay it had occurr'd to him that if they could be prevail'd on to wear an uniform of Europe Cloth, it would serve at once to give them a more Martial appearance and take off as considerable Quantity of Woollen Goods, that he had therefore used his Endeavours to introduce that Cloathing amongst them without Compulsion and has the pleasure to acquaint the Board that he has in a great Measure succeeded and the better to establish the Custom he offers to undertake the management of the Cloathing himself and for that purpose desires that an Order may now pass to the Import Warehousekeeper to Issue such quantitys of Cloth from time to time as he shall find necessary which is now order'd accordingly and further that the Import Warehousekeeper open a head in his Books of Seapoys Cloathing to be Debted for all Cloth Issued at 15 ℔ Cent on the Invoice price and Credited from time to time as the produce of the Cloathing is paid in.

In regard to Seapoys Cloathing an Uniform introduced.

The President undertakes the Management of

Cloth to be deliver'd him as wanted & a New Head to be open'd.

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Old 6 pounder guns sold the Owners of the Orixa @ 274 Pa ₱ ⊖ to be valued only @ 1 Pagoda ₱ ⊖. surplus to be return'd.

Mr. Orme on behalf of the Owners of the ship Orixa represents to the Board that in Consequence of an application made in Consultation the 31 May last for leave to purchase some of the Company's old Six Pounder Guns on a report from the Engineer that there were several unfit for service an order pass'd in Consultation the 4th. June to the Military Storekeeper to deliver such of them to the owners of the Orixa as they might want at the price they stood on the Companys Books and they were deliver'd accordingly and paid for at that rate being Pagodas 274 Cwt. but the Guns being totally unserviceable and serving only to make a shew of Defence he submits to the Consideration of the Board whether they are not charged at much too high a rate considering that they could never produce more to the Company than the value of the weight of old Cast Iron.

Agreed that the said Guns be valued only at the rate of One Pagoda ₱ weight and that the Military Storekeeper repay the surplus to the Owners of the Orixa.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
John Smith.

At a Consultation.

Present

Thursday the 29th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.
Robert Orme. Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch
John Smith.

Colonel Lawrence *Indisposed.*
Mr. Perceval *Indispos'd.*
Mr. Bourchier *Absent with leave.*

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Mr. Wynch's proposals for supplyg. the Company with Gunpowder.

Agreeable to Resolution in Consultation yesterday the Board being met to receive and consider of Mr. Wynch's Proposals for supplying the Company with Gunpowder, he now delivers them in as enter'd hereafter, which being consider'd the President observ'd that as the Company (according to these Proposals) are to be at some Charge for Artificers Peons &ca. the real Cost of the Gunpowder cannot be exactly ascertain'd and therefore proposes to Mr. Wynch to undertake the Manufacture entirely on his own Account and to be allow'd twenty Eight Pagodas ₱ Candy for the Cannon Powder and twenty nine Pagodas ₱ Candy for Musket Powder after some Consideration Mr. Wynch accepts of the Proposal on the following conditions which the Board Agree to Vizt.

Some alterations proposed & accepted.

Terms added to the Contract.

" That he have the Use of the Powder Mill at Egmore which is to be " kept in repair at the Company's Charge.

" That he also have the use of the Companys Oxen and in case of death " or accident to any of them the Loss to be for the Company's Account.

" All the Utensils &ca. now at the Powder House to remain there and he " is to have the Liberty of using them.

" That in case of Fire or other Accidents to the Mill or Powder House " all the Loss and damage incurred thereby to be born by the Company.

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" That he be at Liberty to supply himself with all Materials such as " Salt Petre Brimstone &c^a^. in such manner as he may think most Advantageous " And in case he should not be able to procure a sufficiency that then he be " supplied out of the Companys Stores at the rates those Materials have been " Issued to John DeRoos.

" That he be allow'd Twenty eight Pagodas ℔ Candy for the Cannon " Powder and Twenty Nine Pagodas ℔ Candy for the Musquet Powder of the " Proofs mention'd in his Proposals.

" That this Contract take place the 1st. day of May next and Continue " in Force for three months, this being extended only as a Tryal, And in case " the Company should this Year send out a Powder maker in the room of Mr. " Bishop deceas'd or that the President and Council should not think proper " to carry on the Work on this Contract any longer after the expiration of " three Months they are to give the Contractor two Months Notice that he " may not provide any further Stock of Materials, And on the other hand in " case the Contractor should not be able to carry on the Work on the terms of " this Contract without loss and should be desirous of declining it he also is to " give the President and Council two Months Notice that they may concert " other means of conducting the Work."

Agreed that Five thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees be sold Mr. John Smith at the Market Price of three hundred and sixty Eight Rupees for One hundred Pagodas amounting to Eighteen thousand four hundred Arcot Rupees which sum is now order'd to be Issued out of the Treasury accordingly. Rupees sold.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
John Smith.

Alexander Wynch Agreeable to what he mention'd in Consultation this Day, being of Opinion that it is more for the Company's Advantage to contract for Gunpowder than to make it for the Companys Account since it Appears by the Military Storekeeper's Books that when Manufactured for the Company it Cost them 62 Pagodas the Candy & upon John DeRoos Contract all Charges included a trifle more than 27 Pagodas the Candy altho' the Salt Petre is Charged at so high a rate as 15 Pagodas the Candy when it has often been sold here from 11 to 12 Pagodas the Candy. He therefore now offers to Contract for furnishing the Company with Cannon Powder that shall with 2 lbs. in a 10 Inch Mortar throw a shell of 96 lbs. Upwards of 930 Yards which may be deem'd pretty Equal to the strength of Europe Powder. On the terms propos'd by John DeRoos and Accepted in Consultation the 2 December 1755 And further if the President & Council will Consent to allow him the additional Price of one Pagoda ℔ Candy (for what he may deliver answering the following Proposal) he will Endeavour to furnish them with Musquet Powder that in the Quantity of 3 or 4 Ounces shall Answer the several Ranges of Europe Powder set down in Mr. Jennings Report laid before the Board the 26th. Instant. On Condition that all the Gun Powder that does not Answer the Above Proofs be return'd on his Hands for his own Account not to be disposed of but to such persons and in such manner as the Board shall approve, and that untill it be disposed of, it be lodged in the Company's Magazine that the Company shall take of him all the Gun Powder whatever the Quantity may be, that he shall tender them of the above Proofs, & whenever he shall signifie that he has a Quantity ready to be deliver'd that the Proper Officers be order'd immediately to make the Proof of it before it be received into the Magazine & that after it be passed & receiv'd into the Magazine it remain for the Company's Account.

Alexr. Wynch.

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29 Sail'd sloop Provedentia, Jurgen Holderman for Bimblepatam.

30 Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 15th. Instt.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

MONDAY THE 3D. MAY.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the three last Consultations dated the 27th , 28th. & 29th. Ultimo read & sign'd.

General Letter from Bandarmalanka.

No. 60 General Letter from Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated the 15th. Ultimo read acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 30th. March with the Five thousand (5000) Pagodas sent by the George and acquainting Us that he hopes they may be of more service to the Investment than what he receiv'd by the Fortune snow the Gold being so much inferior to what these kind of Pagodas have always been that they will not pass, but that he is using his Interest with the Soukars and Country Government to get them off. That he shall bring the Cloth Godown to Account and particularize the Expence enclosing an estimate of the Charge of Building a Wall round the Factory also an Account of the Charge of Packing 100 Bales White and Brown offering to undertake the Package at 274 Pagodas for a white Bale and 18 fanams for a Brown Bale. That he shall observe our directions with respect to the Method of bringing the Madras Pagodas to Account and advancing them to the Merchants desiring our directions whether the advance of ten ℔ Cent should not be added also to the pay of the Washers and Companys Servants as they have always been paid in Madras Pagodas. Oberving in regard to the Prices We have fixed on their Cloth that we say upon an Average of the three Numbers the Charge is pretty near as usual, but by a Calculate which he encloses and refers to there appears a considerable difference particularly in the Midling which if not alter'd cannot be provided requesting a further supply of thirty thousand Pagodas for the Investment this Year and the greatest part as soon as possible, the Dutch having already receiv'd large sums, That in future he will never undertake any New Works without first sending an Estimate and receiving our Orders and that in those already erected he has been carefull to use the greatest frugality enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement for March.

ORDER'D that the foregoing Letter lye on the Table to be further Considered.

Report from the Select Committee that the Nabob has given orders on the Renter for 712500 A Rs. & 25000 Pagodas on Account his Debt.

The President acquaints the Board from the Select Committee that Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn has given Orders on the Renters of sundry districts in the Arcot Province for seven hundred and twelve thousand Five hundred rupees and Twenty five thousand Pagodas payable at two Kists or terms the first in May, the Second in September on Account of his Debt to the Company. The President also acquaints the Board that four thousand Rupees have already been paid to the Commissary on that Account and he now lays before the Board a Bill for One hundred and twenty two thousand Arcot Rupees (122000) in further part of the May Kist drawn on Goverdendoss Poursotumdoss's Dewan or House payable the 31st. of this Month

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ORDER'D that the said Bills be deliver'd to the Committee of Treasury to be receiv'd when they become due and that the abovemention'd four thousand (4000) Rupees already received by the Commissary be also paid into the Treasury and carried to the Credit of Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn. To be recd by the Committee of Treasury as well as 4000 Rs. already recd by the Commissary.

The Cowles for St. Thome' and DeveCotah expiring the 31st. Instant ORDER'D that Notice be affixed at the Usual places that those Farms will be let on New Cowles by Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate on the same terms as the last Cowles on Tuesday the 25th. Instant for One Year to commence the 1st. of June. Notice for releting St. Thome' & Deve Cotah.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance, remaining compared with the Chest Twenty thousand Eight hundred and Eleven Pagodas twenty seven fanams and twenty two Cash (20811. 27. 22) which is carried forward. April Cash Account read.

AGREED that Six thousand (6000) Pagodas be advanced to Sunca Vencata Ramah and Ambultoddy Chittee on Account of the Investment. Advance to Sunca Ramah & Merchts for the Investment.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

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THE HON^BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH. D^R.

1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	4498	31220	54	5365	8	54
5	To Henry Powney Import Warehouse keeper rec'd of him on his running Account	2500	—	—	2500	—	—
—	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court rec'd of the Trustees of the Estate of Solomon Salomons account the said Estate.	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
—	To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country being (with Pagodas 10,000 Receivd the 15 Ultimo) in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. February ..	6250	—	—	6250	—	—
—	To Pushponatha Nayenar Renter of the Covelong Country recd of him in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. February	4000	—	—	4000	—	—
6	To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury	15000	—	—	15000	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	34248	31220	54	35115	8	54

PER CONTRA C^R.

5	By the Mayors Court advanced for the Charges of that Corporation	500	—	—	500	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeer advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
—	By Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah & Nella Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	By Mussoolah Boats advanced for repairing and rebuilding the old Boats taken for the Company's Account ..	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
6	By Tellisinga Chitty, Linga Chittee, Servannah Chittee & Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah Chittee & Nella Chitty advanced them for the Provision of Fine Goods in part of the sum Orderd this day in Consultation	15000	—	—	15000	—	—
12	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him to pay for Brimstone	2100	—	—	2100	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	29600	—	—	29600	—	—

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	Brought over Pagodas ..	34248	31220	54	35115	8	54
12	To Charles Bourchier Rental General & Scavenger rec'd of him (which with 700 Pagodas paid in the 20th. September) is in full for the Ballance of those Accounts ending 31st. August 1753 & enter'd after Consultation the 5th. May 1755.	108	3610	70	208	10	70
—	To Royal Pundat Renter of the Mannamangalum Country rec'd of him in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. February	7000	—	—	7000	—	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers rec̃d of them in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	200	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License rec'd of him in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo ..	—	12000	—	333	12	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	41556	63631	44	43323	19	44

	Brought over Pagodas ..	29600	—	—	29600	—	—
—	By Tellisinga Chitty, Linga Chittee, Servanah Chitty & Gundaveddy Venkata Ramah Chitty & Nel'a Chitty advanced them (with what advanced the 6th) in full of the sum order'd in Consultation the 6th. for the Provision of fine Goods	15000	—	—	15000	—	—
25	By Fort St. David sent thither by peons overland	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
27	By George Pigot Mint Master paid the Ballance of Current pagodas due to the Mint on the account for March	60	18	60	60	18	60
—	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	2000	90000	—	4500	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ca.	8000	—	—	8000	—	—
—	By Batta Issued in the Course of this Month for the Purchase of Fanams as ℔ Contra ..	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
		65660	90018	60	68160	18	60
	Carried over Pagodas ..	65660	90018	60	68160	18	60

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.* DR.

Date	Particulars						
	Brought over Pogodas ..	41556	63631	44	43323	19	44
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty receiv'd of them in full for two Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. Ultimo	—	6000	—	166	24	—
—	To Current pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury ..	4000	—	—	4000	—	—
20	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running Account.	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
—	To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Farmer of the Poonamallee Country receiv'd of him in further part of 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. January	3962	—	—	3962	—	—
24	To Current Pagodas receivd from the Treasury	18000	—	—	18000	—	—
27	To Henry Powney Import Warehouse keeper recd of him on his running Account	3118	4572	—	3245	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running Account.	1500	—	—	1500	—	—

PER CONTRA—*cont.* CR.

Date	Particulars						
	Brought over Pogodas ..	65660	90018	60	68160	18	60
30	By Balance Carried to next Months account ..	19936	31527	22	20811	27	22

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The Hon'ble United Company's Cash—*cont.*

Dr.

Date	Particulars						
	Brought over ..	73136	74203	44	75197	7	44
27	To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him for the March Ballance of that Account ..	216	5342	38	364	14	38
—	To Robert Orme and John Smith Renters of Deve Cotah recd of them in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. December last	2100	—	—	2100	—	—
—	To Confiscated Houses recd for 12 Months Rent of one the corner of Charles Street the 15TH. January last let to Messrs. Lopes & DeCastro @ 12 Pagodas ₰ Month	144	—	—	144	—	—
—	To Current Pagodas rec'd from the Treasury ..	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	To Batta for the produce of 1000 Pagodas Issued as ₰ Contra & exchanged into fanams at the rate of 42 fanams ₰ Pagoda & brought to Account here at 36 fanams ₰ Pagoda ..	—	42000	—	1166	24	—
	Star Or Currt. Pagodas ..	85596	121546	2	88972	10	2

Per. Contra.

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Star Or Currt. Pags. ..	85596	121546	2	88972	10	2

ERRORS EXCEPTED
₰ GEORGE PIGOT.

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5 Sail'd Sloop AllaBux Delall Cawn for Balasore.

6 Arriv'd Ketch Fortune Collin Campbell from the Mallabar Coast.

7 Sail'd Snow Canterbury Wiliam Turner for Arracan.

— Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 10th. April.

9 Last Night anchord in the Offing and this morning in the Road the Hoñble Company's ship Delawar Captain Thomas Winter from England.

AT A CONSULTATION.

SUNDAY THE 9TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

Packet from Europe ℔ Delawar opend.

The Packet from England by the Hoñble Companys ship Delawar being open'd is found to contain the several Letters and Papers mention'd in the List of the Packet.

General Letters read.

The following General Letters are now read Vizt. General Letter dated 10 October 1755 Duplicate General Letter dated the 26 March 1755. The original whereof by the Doddington not being yet receiv'd as that ship is still missing.

Packets to be forwarded to Bengal & Bombay. Advices to be sent thither & to Tellicherry Anjengo Fort St. David Vizagapatam Ingeram & Bandarmalanka Money to be sent to Bengal.

AGREED that the Packet receiv'd by the Delawar for the Gentlemen at Bombay be forwarded directly by Pattamar advising them at the same time of the Critical situation of Affairs in Europe. That Pattamars be also dispatch'd to Tellicherry and Anjengo for the same purpose And that the like Notice be given to all the Companys settlements on this Coast AGREED also that the Packet for Bengal be sent thither by the Fortune Ketch to sail in a few days. That by the same Conveyance about the value of a Lack of Rupees be sent them and a Lack more upon the next safe Conveyance, that the Gentlemen be also advised of the present situation of Affairs in Europe and desired to give Orders that Peons be stationed at proper Distances between Ballasore and Ganjam and We will direct others to be posted between Ganjam and Vizagapatam for the more expeditiously conveying of Intelligence by Land and that they be also desired to direct the Chief of Ballasore to keep a Watchfull Eye on what Vessells appear off that Road and Point Palmeiras and give advice of every material Occurrence to the Chief of Vizagapatam who will have orders from Us in the like manner to communicate all proper Intelligence to the Chief of Ballasore.

Order signed for the delivery of Treasure &ca. from the Delawar.

An order is now sign'd to Captain Winter for delivery of the Military Treasure, Wares and Stores Consign'd to this Presidency on the Delawar.

Money paid in by the Commissary on account of Nabob Mohamed Ally Cawn.

The Commissary now pays in the sum of six thousand Eight hundred and thirty five Pagodas One fanam and fifteen Cash (6835. 1. 15) on Account of Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn the sum of Pagodas.

	4830	21	13	part thereof being remitted by the Nabob himself
And	2004	16	2	the remainder thereof being the produce of a Bag of different Coins receiv'd from the Killedar of Velore
	6835	1	15	

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The President acquaints the Board that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David are in want of a further supply of Cash AGREED that Twenty thousand (20,000) Pagodas be sent them by Peons overland. Money to be sent to St. David.

AGREED that fifteen thousand (15,000) Arcot Rupees be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad &c[a]. Advance to the Commissary.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

Arriv'd ship Norwood, James Smith from Fort St. David. 10

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 8 Instant. —

Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bombay dated this day.

Sign'd General Letters to Vizagapatam Ingeram and Bandarmalanka all of this date to go by the Fanny Schooner and also General Letter to Bengal to go by the Ketch Fortune. 11

Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Ingeram dated the 15 Ultimo. —

Sail'd the Fanny Schooner, Balea Syrang for Bandarmalanka & Uppara. —

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day and despatch'd Pattamars to Tellicherry with Advices also of this date. 12

Sail'd Ketch Fortune Colin Campbell for Bengal. —

Sent to Fort St. David by Peons overland General Letter of this date with Twenty thousand Pagodas. 13

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

THURSDAY THE 13TH.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 3d. and 9th. Instant read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 61 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &c[a]. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 10th. Ultimo acquainting Us that Captain Jackson of the Arcot snow being much out of Order has requested leave to come hither for his recovery which they have granted. General Letters read From Vizagapatam.

No. 62 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &c[a]. Council at Fort St. David dated the 8th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 27th. Ultimo and ten thousand Pagodas and acquainting Us they will From Fort St. David.

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observe our directions in regard to the several sortments of Cloth, advising also that they have drawn on Us two Bills of Exchange One for Pagodas Five thousand nine hundred and fifty nine, sixteen fanams and sixteen Cash (5959.16.16) payable to Captain John Durand being in full for seventy four Garce and One hundred and seventy nine and a quarter Mercalls * of Rice (74 Gar. 179¼ Mar.) at Eighty (80) Pagodas ⅌ Garce and the other for Pagodas Two thousand two hundred and seven, twenty six fanams (2207. 26) payable to Mr. Henry Kelsall in part for Thirty five Garce and One hundred and eighty four Mercalls Rice (35. 184) at Eighty two Pagodas (82) ⅌ Garce, the rest being paid him there, desiring a speedy supply of Cash, and enclosing their Accounts for March with their Committees report on them.

From Ingeram.

No. 63 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 15th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 24 March with Five thousand (5000) Pagodas sent by ship George and acquainting Us that the Merchants say they shall be able to Invest thirty or forty thousand Pagodas more, but observes, that the Pagodas lately sent have been so bad that it is with difficulty he has been able to pass them, the Soukars refusing to take them alledging they were deficient in the Touch but as he is not himself a Competent Judge he sends Us up ten of those he receiv'd by the George Observing in Answer to our separate Letter relating to the Committees Report on the Accounts of that Settlement that he imagines the Committee has made a Mistake in their remark that One hundred thirty eight Pieces of Wax Cloth (138) are charged as expended in September that quantity being Charged as purchased, not expended. That he encloses an Account of the Charge of Packing One hundred (100) Bales White and Brown and offers to Contract at 2¼ Pagodas ⅌ White Bale and 18 fanams ⅌ Brown Bale. That the Charge of Pagodas 10. 12 for Military Cloathing was for deserters from Monsr. Bussy and he thought it agreeable to former Custom here to give them their first Cloathing on the Companys Account. That in regard to the Horse stables and Choultry Washing and Beating Godowns he found those Buildings standing when he first took Charge of the Settlement but being old & unfit for Use he rebuilt them and as they were not brought on the Books before under heads he did not open any particular head but that he will now do so, and shall not in future set about any New Buildings without first sending an estimate and receiving our directions. That the Charge for his Journey into the Country is occasion'd by the necessity of sometimes going amongst the Weavers to encourage them which has been found to have a good effect. That he is very sensible of the defect remark'd in the 13 Paragraph Vizt. that several Articles are placed under Account Repairs which ought to be brought under other heads but as he found this Method practiced when he took Charge of the Settlement he has continued it ever since but will now open a head of Servants' Wages if We approve it and that in future all Artificers and Materials employ'd shall be particularized That the reason of his not expressing on what service the Packing Stuff is employd is the many Uses it is put to and some so trifling that they cannot well be accounted for, but he will be now particular in future. That he has acquainted the Merchants with Our Orders in regard to the addition of 10 ⅌ Ct. on the Madras Pagodas advanced them to which they agree but desire him to acquaint Us the Prices We have fixed on the Cloths are not equal to that Calculation especially the Midling in which unless an alteration be made they cannot provide any, he has therefore enclos'd their Calculate expressing the difference between the former Prices and those We have fixed on which he requests our Orders enclosing the usual Accounts for March.

Two Bills drawn from St. David Order'd to be paid.

The two Bills of Exchange drawn from Fort St. David as advised in their foregoing Letter No. 62 being now presented are order'd to be paid.

* Mercall, A Grain Measure, Hobson—Jobson page 567.

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The General Letter from Bandarmalanka No. 60 read in Consultation the 3d. Instant and then orderd to lye on the Table is now taken under Consideration as well as the foregoing Letter from Ingeram No. 63 And first in regard to the Madras Pagodas complain'd of in both, those sent up by Mr. Westcott as a sample are now produced and the Assay Master being called before the Board is acquainted of the Complaint made by the Northern Soukars that they are deficient in the touch, but he assures the Board that they are of the proper touch. The President thereupon acquaints the Board that he apprehended the real matter of Complaint is not of the touch but the Allay [*sic*] as he often experienced when Chief of Vizagapatam the Merchants there always giving the preference to that Gold which is allay'd [*sic*] with silver before that which is allay'd [*sic*] with Copper the latter being brittle is often crack'd at the edge in stamping (as most of the Musters now produced are) but the former being more Malleable is not so subject to this defect however the Assay Master is order'd to Assay the Pagoda sent from Ingeram and make his Report thereof to the Board.

General Letters from Ingeram & Bandarmalka consider'd & Orders thereon in regard to.

Madras Pagodas.

The offer made by Messrs. Westcott at Ingeram and Andrews at Bandarmalanka to Contract for Packing the Company's Bales being the same Vizt. 2¼ Pagodas ℔ White and 18 fanams ℔ Brown Bale the Board are of Opinion that two Pagodas for a White Bale, the price allowed here is sufficient as the Materials on an Average are generally as cheap there as at this place. The Proposals for packing the brown Bales is accepted which is to be signified to the Gentlemen at those Settlements, and further to Mr. Westcott that all Military Cloathing the first, as well as the subsequent, is to be paid for by the Captains of the Company who ought always to keep a sufficient quantity in readiness to answer extraordinary occasions. That there is no necessity for opening a head of Servants Wages but that all constant Charges are to be carried to the head of Charges General That Mr. Andrews be acquainted he may add the 10 ℔ Cent in the Payment of Washers, Servants Wages &ca. And in regard to the difference between the Prices now fixed on their Cloths and those formerly Charged The President undertakes to examine and Report.

Packing of Bales.

Military Cloathing.

Account Charges General.

Mr. Charles Hopkins late Chief of Deve Cotah being arriv'd here, Mr. Smith (who has been sometime return'd from his Supervisorship at that Settlement) is now desired to lay before the Board his whole proceedings in the examination of Mr. Hopkins Accounts and Conduct whereupon he acquaints the Board that he has nothing more to remark than what is contained in his report of the 31st. January last No. 19 to which he refers. The said Report being now again read the Secretary is directed to draw up a Charge therefrom and lay the same before the Board for their approval.

A Charge against Mr. Hopkins to be drawn up from Mr. Smith's Report.

The President acquainting the Board that Captain Schaub is now arrived here from Fort St. David the Report of the Committee of Accounts dated the 20th. February and enter'd after Consultation of that date in relation to the Payment of his Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry is now again read ORDER'D that a Letter be wrote to Captain Schaub by the Secretary requiring him to lay before the Board Monthly Pay Rolls of the said Detachment from the day they were made Prisoners to the time of their Releasement also a List of Deaths and Desertions expressing therein the respective days on which the same happened likewise regular Monthly Rolls of the English Prisoners there during all the time he drew for, or distributed their Pay amongst them.

Captain Schaub required to deliver in Monthly pay Rolls of his Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry also List of Deaths & Desertions & Pay Rolls of the English Prisoners.

The President lays before the Board four Bills sent in by the Nabobs Renters in further part of the sum due from them on the May Kist as reported in Consultation the 3d. Instant Vizt.

Bills & money paid in Account Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn.

1 Bill payable the 3d. June		...	for ARs.	45,000
1 Do.	6	Do.	... ...	40,000
1 Do.	10	Do.	... ...	12,208
1 Do.	10	Do.	... ...	2,042
				99,250

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amounting together to Ninety nine thousand two hundred and fifty Arcot Rupees and drawn on Boocunjee Cashedoss's Ducan [*sic*] or House ORDERD that the said Bills he deliver'd to the Committee of Treasury to receive the amount as they become due.

The President also acquaints the Board that Linga Chittee on behalf of other of the said Renters is now ready to pay in the sums of Eighty one thousand (81,000) Arcot Rupees and Twenty thousand Pagodas (20,000) Pagodas in further part of the May Kist ORDER'D that the same be receiv'd into the Treasury and carried to the Credit of Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn.

Rents paid in for Beetle & Tobacco. Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chitty pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Arrack & Wine. Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333. 12) for One Month's Rent of the Arrack & Wine Licence due the 1st. Ultimo.

Advance to the Commissary. AGREED that seven thousand Pagodas (7000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops &ca.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

14TH. Arriv'd the Honble Company's Sloop Syren, John Smith from Bengal with General Letter from the President & Council there dated 26 March with Duplicate of two others dated 26 & 29 March.

— Arriv'd Ship Elizabeth Thomas Swaine from Bengal last from Fort St. David.

15 Sail'd Ship Moobare Mangil, Mahomed Anni for Bengal.

16 Receiv'd via Fort St. David by His Majesty's Squadron arrived there from Bombay General Letter from the President & Council of Bombay dated the 25th. April.

— Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 3d. Instant.

— Sail'd Sloop Dorrill, Govinda Rama for Ballasore.

19 Arriv'd Sloop Chance Peter Carstairs from the Malabar Coast.

— Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 24 April.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 19TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEX: WYNCH.
WILLM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
MR. BOURCHIER *Absent with leave.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the last Consultations dated the 13th. Instant read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Bengal.

No. 64, 65 and 66 From Roger Drake Esqr, President & Governour &ca. Council at Bengal the first dated the 26th. March advising that they have laden and Consign'd to us on the Syren Sloop Seven hundred (700) Bags of Salt Petre and eight Bales of Sannoes,* and that the Commander of the sloop is directed to follow our Orders. The two others being Duplicates the Originals whereof are not yet receiv'd the one dated the 26 March acknowledging the receit of our Letter of the 11th. February and acquainting Us that they have directed as much Salt Petre to be laden on the Mermaid and Syren Sloops as each of them can conveniently take in and if they should not carry a sufficiency they can supply Us with as much more as We may want by a ship in September if We should dispatch one to them soon enough to be return'd to Us and proceed to Europe, in which case they desire We will advise them whether We approve of their sending any proportion of Bales. That they desire We will not detain the Sloops longer than is Absolutely necessary having only three more capable of remaining in Ballasore Road at this season repeating their request for the Redwood they have Indented for having but little remaining, desiring the remittances of Treasure this Season may be one quarter Bullion One quarter Madras Rupees and the rest Arcot Rupees That Mr. Brooke having wrote to them for a ship to relieve the Prince George as it is not in their Power to comply they leave it to Us it being with difficulty that they have procured a small Vessell on Freight to carry the Articles of their Indents Enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading of Sundries Consign'd us on the Mermaid and acquainting us that the Commander is directed to follow our Orders. That the St. George was dispatch'd from Ingelee the 29 February requesting Us to forward a Packet they enclose for the Prest. & Council at Bombay and desiring Us to provide for 12 Chinese who proceed on the Mermaid, untill a Conveyance for sending them to their own Country they having been saved out of a Chinese Vessell which was cast away to the Eastward. The last is dated the 29th. March acquainting Us that by the Hunter Schooner Mr. Brooke at the Negrais had wrote them they were in great distress for Provision that they shall return the Hunter Schooner immediately with Provisions and have not been able to supply them sooner enclosing Copy of Mr. Brooks Letter and Packet from Fort Marlbrõ.

From Bombay.

No. 67 From Richard Bourchier Esqr. President and Governour &ca. Council at Bombay dated the 25th. April acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 25th. and 26 February and advising that they have discharged our draft for Forty Thousand (40,000) Rupees in favour of Robert Orme Esqr. enclosing Us second Bills for Eighty thousand (80,000) Rupees on Account the Silver we Consign'd the Supra Cargos of the Warren and as these two sums will exceed the value of what We Consign'd they desire We will remit the overplus to Bengal. That Mr. Watson with His Majesty's Squadron being bound to this place they take that Opportunity to forward us two Packets from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors.

* Sannah, Some kind of cotton fabric formerly exported from India—Murray's dictionary.

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2 Packets from Europe contain only blank Paper.

N.B.—The two Packets from the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors address'd as usual to the President & Council of Fort St. George, the one said to be received by the Houghton the other by the Edgcote being open'd are found each to contain only a blank sheet of paper.

General Letter from Bandarmalanka.

No. 68 from Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 3 May enclosing the Accounts of that settlement for April and requesting a speedy supply of Cash Cloth on hand—L.C.O. Cor. 67. Ps. 11. L.C.M. Cor. 17. Ps. 4 L.C.F. Cor. 19. Ps. 6.

From Vizagaptm.

No. 69 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 14th. April enclosing their Accounts and Papers as ℘ List and advising that the George was dispatch'd for the Negrais the 20th. & sail'd two days after That she was able to take in but little Paddy being Lumburd with Stores and being obliged to take in Twelve Garce (12) of Salt for Ballast. That Ensign Miers being out of order could not proceed on the George, one private Man is also left behind in the Hospital. That our Packet for the Negrais was forwarded. That their Farm expiring the 30th. April they have given Publick Notice for reletting them at Publick Outcry the 1st. May.

Sannoes to be painted.

Order'd that the Sannoes receiv'd from Bengal by the Syren Sloop be deliver'd as soon as possible to the Painters.

Bengal to be wrote to about a September ship. Returning their sloops with Redwood and Treasure.

Agreed to write the Gentlemen at Bengal that in regard to the dispatch of a ship to Europe in September as We shall be better able to judge at the time of the departure of the latter ships from this place for the Bay what quantity of Bales we shall be able to furnish towards such dispatch we shall then write them fully. That We shall return the Syren with the utmost expedition and also the Mermaid when she arrives laden with Redwood and send them also further Consignments of Treasure.

Bombay to be wrote to.

Agreed to write the Gentlemen at Bombay that We shall Consign to Bengal all the Treasure We can possibly spare and therefore We desire they will Debt us for the overplus of what they have paid and remitted Us on Account of the silver We consign'd to the Supra Cargoes of the Warren.

Delawar to be return'd directly to Europe.

The Delawar being consign'd to this Presidency only, with directions to employ her usefully untill the time of returning her to Europe; The means of carrying these Directions into Execution to the best Advantage are now considered, And an Account of Cloth in the sorting Godown, at the Wash & in the Merchants Godown ready for sorting, being laid before the Board it appears that upwards of One thousand Bales may be ready by the middle of July which with about two hundred Tuns of Salt Petre will compleat that Ships Tonnage, and as the whole quantity of Salt Petre Order'd to be sent home last Year from all parts was not complied with on which Account a large part of this ships Tonnage in that Article may be dispens'd with and no other means presenting whereby this ship may be advantagiously employ'd Agreed therefore that she be loaded as above and return'd to Europe as early as possible in July of which the Gentlemen at the Bay are to be advised.

A Vessell to be Freighted to carry provisions to the Negrais. Rice to be sent thither from Vizagapatam ℘ Arcot snow.

By a Letter from Mr. Brooke at the Negrais it appearing that they are greatly distressed there for Provisions Agreed that a Vessell be Freighted as soon as one can be procured to carry a supply of Rice to that Island and that the Chief and Council of Vizagapatam be directed to send as much as can be procured on the Arcot snow.

Treasure to be sent to St. David ℘ Bridgewater.

His Majestys ship Bridgewater being bound to Fort St. David Agreed that Captain Smith be desired to carry down half a Lack of Rupees and twenty thousand Pagodas for the use of that Settlement and that the usual Freight of one quarter ℘ Cent be allow'd.

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Treasure to be sent to the N°. ward Settlement ꝑ Neptune.

Agreed that Fifteen thousand Madras Pagodas be sent to Vizagapatam by the Neptune snow now on her departure of which Five thousand (5000) Pagodas for the use of that Settlement and the remainder equally for Ingeram and Maddapollam.

Redwood to be sent to the Bay on freight ꝑ Norwood.

As the Bengal Sloops will not be capable of taking in near the quantity of Redwood Indented for by the Gentlemen there Agreed that the Remainder be sent on Freight by the Norwood now lying in the Road and to be shortly return'd thither.

Report of the sortmt. of the N°. ward Investment.

The Cloth receiv'd from the three Northern Settlements in January being all sorted the Export Warehousekeeper reports that of the Vizagapatam Cloth, the Uppara Ordinary is good and preferable to the Doney Cloth which is but indifferent, the Superior to the Tooney Cloth, this last being bad. And with respect to Ingeram and Bandarmalanka, That the Cloths in general are Inferior to those receiv'd from Vizagapatam.

Directions thereon.

Agreed that the foregoing particulars be inserted in the next General Letters and that the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam be directed to make as large a part of their Investment as possible in Uppara Ordinary Long Cloth.

8 four Pounder Guns sold for the ship Grampus.

To write to Bombay for the Invoice prices.

The President acquaints the Board that the ship Grampus taken into his Majesty's service to fetch Arrack and other Stores for the Squadron from Batavia and now lying in the Road is destitute of Guns, and there being several four Pounders in the Garrison which are unfit for any other use than Salutes, he desires that Eight of them may be spared for the service of the said ship which the Board Agree to but as the Invoice value of them is not known they being part of those brought from Europe on the Protector in the Year 1752 and Consign'd to Bombay but landed here Agreed that the Gentlemen at Bombay be desired to mention the Invoice price of them in their next Advices.

Letter from Capt. Schaub about the Rolls & pay of Prisoners at Pondicherry.

Translation of a Letter from Captain Schaub read as enter'd hereafter purporting that having receiv'd the Orders of the Board (by means of the Secretary) to produce Copies of the Rolls both of the English and Swiss Detachments and of the money paid to the former at Pondicherry he is unable to comply therewith not having kept any Copys or Accounts relating to that Affair but that he is ready to give all the Lights his Memory can furnish him with.

To write to Fort St. David to make enquiry of the Swiss Officers on the above subject.

*** Vide Minute of last Consultation.**

*** Vide report enter'd after Cons. 20 Febry.**

The President acquainting the Board that he is inform'd it is usual for the Swiss Officers to keep a Journal or Minutes of the Transactions of their Corps Agreed that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be directed to call upon Captain Schaubs Officers for Copies of such Rolls and List as have been demanded of Captain Schaub *and in case they should not be able to produce any that they then require of them an Explanation from their Memorys of the several Circumstances taken Notice of by the Committee of Accounts in their report on this transaction.*

A letter from the Assay Master in regard to the Assay and Allay [*sic*] of M. Pagodas.

Letter from the Assay Master read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that he had Assay'd the Pagodas sent up from Ingeram and that they turn out of their proper touch, and that in regard to the Colour there is no way to remedy it but by putting in all silver allay [*sic*] the Expence of which will be about twenty or thirty fanams ꝑ One hundred Ounces (100) enclosing 5 Madras Pagodas allay'd [*sic*] with silver as a Muster.

Order thereon.

Ordered that Copies of the said Letter be sent to Ingeram and Maddapollam And that the five Madras Pagodas allayd [*sic*] with silver now produced as well as five of those receiv'd back from Ingeram be seald up and sent to Europe to be Assay'd in the Tower.

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50,000 M. Pags. to be coin'd with silver Allay [*sic*].

AGREED that Fifty thousand Madras Pagodas for the use of the Northern settlements be coin'd out of the Gold receiv'd by the Delawar and that they be entirely Allay'd [*sic*] with silver.

A Pt. of Ground in Tandavoor granted to Bunda Buchane in lieu of a pt. adjoing to the Garden House.

The President acquaints the Board that there is a Pt. of Ground contiguous to the Ground belonging to the Company's Garden House at Chepauk the Owner whereof one Bunda Buchane is content to surrender it to the Company and prays that a Peice of Ground in Tondawoor in the district of Egmore may be granted him in lieu, a Plan or description & Measurement whereof is now laid before the Board AGREED that the surrender of the Ground in Chepauk be accepted and that a Lease on the usual terms for the Ground in Tondawoor be granted in lieu thereof.

Brevets to several in the Military.

The President acquaints the Board that the Brevets Agreed in Consultation the 5th. Ultimo to be given to Voluntiers Smith, Lang Tuite, and Robson not being yet delivered and having since observed that two other Voluntiers Messrs. Darke and Orton are before Mr. Lang on the List he proposes that Brevets be given them to rank accordingly which the Board Agree to and the Brevets are Order'd to be dated in the following Order Vizt.

Stephen Smith	3	April 1756.
John Darke	4	do.
Roderick Orton	5	do.
Ross Lang	6	do.
Alexander Tuite	7	do.
William Robson	8	do.

Artillery Companies New regulated & Commissions Order'd.

In Consequence of the Honble Companys Commands in the 21st. Paragraph of their General Letter dated 26 March 1755 relating to the New Establishment of the two Artillery Companys AGREED that the following Promotions be made and that Commissions be prepared accordingly and dated as under.

For the 1st. Company of Artillery Lewis Dr. Illins Esqr. Captain.

Names.	Present Rank.	Promotion.	Commission to be dated.
Benjamin Godwin ..	1st. Lieut. of the 1st. Compy.	Capt. Lieut. ..	10 May 1756.
John Dickenson ..	1 Lieut. of the 2 · Compy.	1st. Lieut... ..	To act by his present Commission.
William Jennings ..	Lieut. Fireworker ..	2d. Lieut.	10 May 1756.
Nicholas Bonjour ..	Brevet Lieut. Fireworker.	Lieut. Fireworker.	To act by his Brevet.
John Francis Raillard.	Do.	Lieut. Fireworker.	Do.
Thomas Ford ..	Voluntier	Lieut. Fireworker.	11 May 1756.

For the 2d. Company of Artillery John Brohier Esqr. Captain.

Names.	Present Rank.	Promotion.	Commission to be dated.
Robert Barker ..	2d. Lieut. of the 1st. Company.	Capt. Lieut. ..	11 May 1756.
John Francis Paschoud.	2d. Lieut. of the 2d. Company.	1st. Lieut.	10 May.
John Charles Erdman.	Brevet Fireworker ..	2d. Lieut.	11 Do.
Jonathan Brooke ..	Lieut. Do. ..	Lieut. Fireworker.	To act by his present Commiss.
Lewis Conradi ..	Voluntier	Lieut. Fireworker.	10 May 1756.
John Elly	Serjeant in the Train.	Do.	12 May 1756.

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ORDER'D that a Copy of the said Paragraph of the Companys Commands be sent to the Gentleman at Fort St. David with directions to regulate the Artillery Company there accordingly and that Copies thereof be also delivered to the Paymaster and Captain of Artillery here. Copys of the Para to be sent to St. David & to the Paymr. & Capt. of Artillery here.

The Secretary agreeable to an order of the last Consultation lays before the Board a Draft of a Charge to be exhibited against Mr. Charles Hopkins late Chief of DeveCotah. ORDER'D that it lye on the Table to be consider'd at the next Consultation. Charge deliverd in against Mr. Chas. Hopkins order'd to lye on the Table.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Account of Captain Jackson's Disbursements for the Arcot Snow from June 1755 to Ultimo April 1756 amounting to Arcot Rupees Two thousand eight hundred and fifty five three fanams (2855—3—) in part whereof he has reimbursed himself One thousand Rupees (1000) out of one of the Chests Consign'd by that Snow to the Negrais which he was obliged to open at Syrian ORDER'D that the remainder be paid. Cap. Jacksons Disbursements for the Arcot Snow to be paid.

Mr. Morse for Admiral Watson desiring to be paid the Companys Allowance of Five (5) Pagodas ₱ day for defraying the Charges of the Admirals Table from Ultimo September the time of the last Payment to Ultimo April last being Two hundred and thirteen (213) days both inclusive, and amounting to One thousand and sixty five (1065) Pagodas ORDER'D that the same be paid accordingly.

Mr. Robert Orme desiring to Purchase ten thousand Rupees out of the Treasury and Mr. Alexander Wynch requesting the like Sum AGREED that they be sold and delivered them at the rate of three hundred and sixty seven Rupees for One hundred Pagodas. Rupees sold Messrs. Orme & Wynch.

AGREED that Ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas be advanced to Tonapah and Condapah Ninapah, Companys Painters for Painting of Chints. Advances to the Painters.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Three Thousand four hundred Pagodas (3400) on his running Account. Money paid in by the Impt. Ware Ho. Keeper.

Henry Powney Tea Customer pays in One thousand six hundred (1600) Pagodas on his running Account. Sea Customer.

Merza Mahomet Caussum Renter of St. Thome' pays in One thousand Pagodas (1000) in part of six Months Rent of that Farm which will become due the 31st. Instant. Rent of St. Thome paid in.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

According to Your request I have made Assay's of the Pagodas sent from Ingeram and find them turn out the proper Touch shall be glad if your Honour &ca. will please to send home a Muster of the same to be tried in England to convince those Gentlemen at the Northward that the Pagodas are kept up to their proper Standard, and as to the Weight I believe Your Honour &ca. is sensible it is just.

I think there is some mention in regard to the Colour, which there is no way to remedy than by putting in all Silver Allay [*sic*], and then you may depend on having them a better Colour and not so much Cracked, the difference in the Expence will be between Twenty and thirty fanams in One hundred Ounces. Inclosed I send you a few Pagodas all Silver Allay [*sic*] for Your approbation.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. hum: Servt.
EDWARD EDWARDS.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
MAY 19TH. 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT &CA. COUNCIL AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS,

In Consequence of the Orders I have receiv'd from you by your Secretary to send you Copies of the Rolls both of the English and Swiss Detachments and also of the money which I paid at Pondicherry to the former, I have the Honour to inform you Hoñble Sir & Sirs that I have not kept any Account or Copies relating to that Affair, and therefore that I am utterly unable to comply with what you desire.

If notwithstanding Hoñble Sir & Sirs you should think proper to require of your Paymasters the Original Rolls by which I receiv'd all the sums that I have distributed to the Hoñble Companys Troops I am ready to give you all the Lights my Memory can furnish me with.

I have the Honour to be with
Respect,
HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS,
Your most humble & most Obedient Servant
SCHAUB.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 17 MAY 1756.

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10 Sail'd his Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captain Henry Smith for Fort St. David.

20 Arriv'd Brigantine Fatae Bux, Melleck Ameen from Cochin.

— Sailed Snow Neptune Joseph Austin for Bengal, by this Conveyance.

— Sent General Letters to Bengal, Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Bandarmalanka all dated this day.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

22 Sailed Ship Grampus (late the Elizabeth) Robert Jackson for Batavia.

d°. Sloop Chance Peter Carstairs for Bengal.

— Arriv'd Success Galley Peter Duncan from Fort St. David.

— Arriv'd ship Stree Vencataish, Gongaloo from Calingapatam.

23 Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 6th. Instant.

— Arriv'd Sloop Mermaid Alexander Scott from Bengal with General Let-
24 ters from thence (Duplicates whereof were receiv'd ℘ Syren sloop) enclosing a Packet from St. Helena for this Presidency and one from thence to be forwarded to Bombay.

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AT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY THE 25TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE.	STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 19th. Instant read and sign'd.

Robert Clive Esqr. who Arrived here the 22 Instant being introduced, and the 27 Paragraph of the General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 26 March 1755 (wherein they are pleased to appoint him Second of Council on this Establishment and Deputy Governour of Fort St. David) being read, he now takes his Seat at the Board accordingly, and the Oaths of Allegiance and Office as one of his Majestys Justice of the Peace are administred to him by the President.

Robert Clive Esqr. takes his seat as 2d. Council. The Oaths of Allegiance & Office as a Justice ef Peace administered

Charles Bourchier Esqr. who has been Absent for sometime past with leave, to settle his Affairs at Bombay being return'd now takes his seat again at the Board.

Charles Bourchier Esqr. return'd from Bombay takes his seat.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read.

No. 70 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 6th. Instant enclosing the Accounts of that Settlement for last Month and requesting a further supply of Cash the sum lately receiv'd there being all advanced to the Merchants who are pressing for more which they promise to Invest by September Inclosing an Indent for Stationary.

From Ingeram.

No. 71 From Charles Hutchinson Esqr. Governour &ca. Council at St. Helena dated the 9 April 1755 acquainting Us that since their last ℔ Grantham dated 9th. May 1754 they have receiv'd ours of the 1st. March 1753 and 9 March & 10th. November 1754 desiring We will send the one ℔ Cent this Year in Arrack & Rice as they hope we have Complied with the Indent for Long Cloth, Stockings &ca. contain'd in their Letter of the 12th. April 1754 enclosing a List of Arrival and departure of shipping.

From St. Helena.

ORDER'D that the Ingeram Indent for stationary be complied with when the stores arrive from Europe.

Ingeram Indent to be complied with.

The St. Helena Indent for Long Cloth &ca. in their Letter of the 12th. April 1754 not being yet complied with ORDER'D that the several particulars therein mention'd be sent by the Delawar and the remainder of the One ℔ Cent in Arrack & Rice.

St. Helena Indent to be complied with.

The Silver Mint being greatly confined and render'd incommodious by a part of the Ground belonging to it being lately added to the New Barracks and there being a House and Godowns contiguous to the Mint belonging to the Estate of the late Coja Petrus Uscan an Armenian deceased one of which Godowns has for sometime past been rented for the use of the Mint which might be render'd very commodious if the whole were added to it AND the Honble Court of Directors in their Commands of the 23d. August 1751 having been pleas'd to direct that such Armenians as possess'd Houses in the White Town should dispose of them to European Protestants ORDER'D that the Secretary give Notice to Coja Petrus's Executors to sell the said House and Godowns by Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate as well as another House belonging to the Estate of the said Petrus situate in Choultry Gate Street within three Months from this day.

A House & Godowns adjoining to the Silver Mint—also a House in Choultry Gate Street belonging to the Estate of Coja Petrus—his Exors ordered to sell them Outcry.

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The House & Godown adjoining to the Mint to be purchased for the Company.

ORDER'D that the House and Godowns abovemention'd contiguous to the Silver mint be purchased at the Outcry for the Company.

Draft of a Charge agt. Mr. Hopkins approved.

The Draft of a Charge against Mr. Hopkins laid before the Board at the last Consultation and then order'd to lye on the Table is now read and consider'd and the Board being of Opinion that several Articles in Mr. Smiths report are of no great Consequence and difficult to be proved had better not be inserted but that the Charge be confined to the more Material Articles it is now digested accordingly and the Secretary is order'd to sign and deliver the same to Mr. Hopkins a Copy thereof is enter'd hereafter.

Rupees sold Linga Chittee.

AGREED that Thirty thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees be sold to Linga Chittee at the rate of three hundred and sixty seven Rupees for One hundred Pagodas amounting to One hundred and Ten thousand One hundred Rupees for which he is to pay into the Treasury at the following terms Viz .

15,000 Pagodas on the 14th. June next.
15,000 Do. . . . . 4 July.

30,000

Money to be paid into the Treasury Account the Nabob.

The President acquaints the Board that Linga Chittee is now ready to pay in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas on account of the Nabobs order on his Renters in further part of the May* Kist.

ORDER'D that the said sum be receiv'd into the Treasury and carried to the Credit to Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn.

Sundries to be supplied the Syren Sloop.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Indent for sundry Stores for the use of the Honble Company Sloop Syren ORDER'D that it be complied with and that a Copy of the Indent and an Invoice of stores supplied be sent to the Gentlemen at the Bay.

Cash keeper pays the difference on the Exch of Pogodas.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in six thousand (6000) Fanams or (at the rate of 36 fanams ₰ Pagodas) One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166·24) being the gain made this month on the Exchange of One thousand Pagodas into Fanams at the rate of 42 fanams ₰ Pagoda.

April Mint. Ballce. paid.

AGREED that Twenty two Pagodas one fanam and seventy Cash (22. 1·70) be paid to the President as Mint Master being the Ballance of Current Pagodas due to the Mint on last Months Account And that the following Advances be made out of Cash.

Advance to the Expt. WareHo. Kr.

To the Export Warehousekeeper seven thousand (7000) Pagodas to pay for Rice purchased.

Commissary.

To the Commissary Three thousand (3000) Pagodas to defray this Charges of the Troops abroad.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Eight thousand Five hundred (8500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

To the military Paymaster seven thousand (7000) Pagodas to pay the Military &ca. next Month.

Military Storekr.

To the Military Storekeeper Five hundred (500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Consideration on letting the Farms of DeveCotah & St. Thome.'

This being the day appointed for letting by Publick Outcry the Farms of DeveCotah and St. Thome's it is delivered whether they should be let on the terms of the Cowles which expire the 31st. Instant or whether any and what Clauses should be added and thereupon it is Agreed that the following Clauses be added Vizt.

* Vide Cons 3 and 13 Instant.

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To the Cowle for Devecotah

That the President and Council reserve to themselves the Liberty of cutting down what Timber and Wood they shall think proper for the use of the Company. Clauses for the Deve-Cotah Cowle

That the Renter shall also have the Liberty of cutting Wood with the permission of the Chief of DeveCotah but not otherwise, who is to be directed to grant such Permission in case he shall not think it prejudicial to the Settlement or Bounds.

That the Renter shall deliver at DeveCotah for the use of the Company at or before the end of the month of March Fifty Garse of the best Paddy of the January Crop at the rate of Forty Pagodas ₰ Garse.

To the Cowle for St. Thome.

That the Renter shall deliver at St. Thome for the use of the Company at or before the end of the Month of March Thirty Garse of the best Paddy of the January Crop at the rate of Thirty Pagodas ₰ Garse. Clause for the St. Thomas Cowle.

The question being then put whether any Europeans should be permitted to bid at the Outcrys of Farms or be admitted as security for any persons who take any of the Farms. No Europeans to bid for Farms or be concern'd in them or be security for Farmers.

Resolv'd that no Europeans be permitted to bid for any of the Company's Farms or be concern'd in them directly or indirectly or to be security for any of the Farmers.

Notwithstanding the foregoing Resolution the Board conceive that some Advantages might arise by leaving Europeans at liberty to bid for and take the Farms, and on the other hand that some ill conveniences and disadvantages might also accrue in particular Cases both which are here offer'd to the Consideration of the Honble Court of Directors. Advantages & Disadvantages of letting the Farms to Europeans Consider'd.

The Chief Advantages which it is thought might arise by permitting Europeans to take the Farms are that the Inhabitants will not be so liable to oppression in the Collection of the Duties by the Renters, but principally that as the Faith and Honour of Europeans may be better relyed on than the Accounts of the Natives, by this means the real value of the Farms may be more justly ascertained.

The Disadvantages that occur are That if Europeans should be permitted to bid for the Farms, the Natives may be thereby intimidated by which means the Farms may be cryed down for less than their value and another very weighty reason is that in some of the Farms disputes do often arise between the Renters and the Polygars of the Adjacent districts under the Country Government in which cases many Concessions may be made and means concerted for accommodating such differences without any real Injustice to the Renter or discredit to the English Nation but which might nevertheless occasion many difficultys if Europeans were concern'd.

Messrs. Orme and Smith (the present Renters of DeveCotah) being desired to acquaint the Board what they think may be the real value of that Farm, they give it as their opinion that it may be worth about Seven thousand Pagodas ₰ Annum on the terms of the Cowle as above settled whereupon the Secretary is order'd to bid for the Company in order to keep up the price as far as Pagodas six thousand five hundred (6500), The Board then adjourn'd to the Sea Gate to put up the said Farms at Outcry. Messrs. Orme & Smith think the Deve-Cotah Farm worth 7000 Pagodas ₰ Annum. The Secretary to bid for the Company's as far " 6500 Pags.

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AT THE SEA GATE.

Deve Cotah let for 9220 Pagodas.

FIRST the Farm of DeveCotah Bounds being put up for One Year from the 1st. of June next ensueing on the aforemention'd terms is cryed down to Christnah Row the highest bidder for Nine thousand two hundred and twenty Pagodas (9220) This Farm was let last year for Pagodas Four thousand two hundred (4200).

St. Thome' let for 4100 Pagodas.

THE FARM of St. Thome' being then put up for One Year from the first day of June next on the aforemention'd terms is cryed down to Guntoor Vencatachilum the highest Bidder for Four thousand One hundred Pagodas (4100) This Farm let last year for Pagodas Three thousand one hundred and fifty (3150).

Notice for letting Trevendaporum Poonamalle Ruby Brokerage.

The several Cowles for the Trevenduporum Bound Rent Poonamallee Country and Ruby Brokerage all expiring the 30th. of June next ORDER'D that the usual Notice be given for letting them at Outcry at the Sea Gate for One year on Tuesday the 22 day of June next.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO MR. CHARLES HOPKINS.

SIR,

I am directed by the President and Council to acquaint you that a Report of your Transactions at DeveCotah during part of the time you held the Employ of Chief there having been laid before them by Mr. Smith as Supra Vizor of that Settlement your Conduct in many Instances appears unwarrantable and particularly in the following amongst many others of less Note which are therefore not taken Notice of at this time.

1. THAT in Order to prevent a discovery of sundry Overcharge in your Accounts you directed the Companys Conicoplies to burn and destroy their Cadjans whereon were enter'd the real sums paid for Cooley hire, Batta, and various other Articles of the like kind which can have no other Vouchers, which Cadjans were accordingly destroyed.

2. THAT in the month of April last you have Charged under the head of Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn Pagodas 244 for 12 days Batta or hire to 244 Cooleys carrying stores to Camp, and for Batta to Seapoys to Escort them Pagodas 33. 12.—. Whereas it appears the Cooleys were paid only Pagodas 131. 16. 60 for 10 days Batta and the Seapoys only Pagodas 22. The Overcharge on these two Articles is Vizt.

On Cooleys Batta	P	112	19	20
On Seapoys Batta		11	12	—
		123	31	20

3. THAT in the Month of June last you have charged 6 days Batta to 1 Subedar, 2 Jemidars, 4 Havildars and 89 Seapoys escorting Colonel Heron to Fort St. David amounting to Pagodas 53.—36 Whereas the President & Council are informed that this Escort consisted only of 1 Subedar, 1 Jemedar,

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5 Havildars and Naiks and 53 Seapoys & that the Batta paid them amounted to no more than Pagodas 28. 6. The Overcharge in this Charge is Pagodas 24. 30. 36.

4. That in the month of August you have charged 9 days hire to 315 Coolies carrying Stores to Camp amounting to Pagodas 236. 9 and 18 days Batta to 6 Havildars & Naiks and 30 Seapoys to escort them amounting to Pagodas 52. 9. whereas the President & Council are inform'd that only eight days hire was paid to 185 Coolies amounting to Pagodas 123. 12. and no more than 15 days Batta to 4 Havildars and 20 Seapoys amounting to Pagodas 27. 6.

The Overcharge on this Article is Viz[t].

On Cooley hire	P.	112 33—
On Batta to Seapoys		25 3—
	Pag[s].	138 ——

5. That you have made a double Charge of Wages and Batta to 4 Peons being charged to the Company on the Peon Roll and again to the Nabob amounting to pagodas 6. 24 ℔ Month.

6. That in the month of May last you have charged 20 days Batta to 1 Subedar, 2 Jemidars, 15 Havildars and 45 Seapoys attending you into the Country Pagodas 112.8—Whereas the President & Council are inform'd that not more than 10 Seapoys attended you at that time.

7. That you have suffer'd the Seapoys in the Company's Pay and belonging to the Garrison of DeveCotah to be employ'd on private & improper Services, and amongst other Instances That in the month of February you suffer'd one Comrapah the Companys Conicoply to take with him as his Guards or Escort to Combeconnum Feast 2 Subedars 4 Jemedars 8 Havildars, 4 Colourmen 5 Trumpets and Tomtoms and 114 Seapoys in the Companys Pay and belonging to the said Garrison and that at other times you have suffer'd the said Comrapah to employ the Companys Seapoys in overawing the Country People to whom he had lent sums of Money on mortgage of their Districts; In these and other acts of oppression making the Companys Seapoys Subservient to Your private Purposes.

8. That you have constantly charged the Company monthly with two Cattamarans to carry Notes &c[a]. to Vessels in the Offing whereas the Cattamaran Men ran away from the Settlement in the Month of May and did not return or receive any Pay till the Month of December following so that the Company is overcharged in this Article 9 Months pay amounting to Pagodas 61. 18.—

9. That you have made a double monthly Charge of two Country Musick Pagodas 2. 24.—and two Tomtom Fellows crooked Horn fellows, all which Persons are again charged as Peons on the Peon Roll.

10. That you have suffer'd great abuses in the Payment of the Companys Seapoys and connived at false Musters not only in placing your own Baker Ironing Man & Washerman on the Seapoy Roll altho Your Washerman is again charged at one Pagoda ℔ month under the head of Peons and Servants Wages, but also in suffering all or the greatest part of Captain Spears Servant (whilst Commandant at DeveCotah) to be also passed on those Rolls tho' never doing duty.

11. That you have connived at false Musters of Peons, the Number charged being deficient till within a few days of the Supravisors Arrival at DeveCotah by 9 Persons who were then enlisted to compleat the Roll.

12. That notwithstanding the President and Council in their General Letter of the 8 April 1754 acquainted you that they had directed the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David " to furnish you with what fanams

" you might want for discharging all small Articles not amounting to a Pago-
" da to avoid the Necessity there would otherwise be of erecting a head of
" Batta on the DeveCotah Books in order to credit the Company for the
" difference on Exchange " Yet it does not appear that you have ever receiv'd from Fort St. David more than 500 Pagodas worth of fanams in the Month of April 1754 nor have you since then advised the Presidency of your wanting any, neither have you given the Company Credit in any one Instance for the difference of Exchange.

13. That notwithstanding a head of Batty is open'd on the DeveCotah Books for the difference between the real Exchange of Rupees at that Settlement and the price at which they are invoiced yet you have in some Instances credited yourself in Cash for Rupees paid away even at higher Rates than the Invoice Price altho' in reality the Exchange was much less by which you have made a considerable Gain, for Example, In the Month of June 1754, 12000 Rupees are receiv'd at DeveCotah and invoiced at the usual rate of 350 Rupees for 100 Pagodas, the Current Exchange then being 388 Arcot Rupees for Pagodas 100, the difference between those two Exchanges is wrote off to Batta; but in the same Month Batta paid in Rupees to Seapoys carried to the Credit of Cash at the Rate of 320 Rupees for 100 Pagodas, so that a Gain is made here of 68 Rupees on every 100 Pagodas which is near 22 ℘ Cent.

14. That having been directed the latter end of the year 1753 and beginning of 1754 to assist the Phousdar of Pallam Cotah in recovering his Districts out of the hands of the Enemy and to receive from him the Charge of the Troops sent to his assistance, you did charge to & receive from the said Phousdar about one hundred Pagodas for Batta of Seapoys more than you have brought to Account or than the real Batta amounted to.

15. That Contrary to the Company's known Rules (whereby a free Trade should be allowed to every one in all their Settlements) and to the great detriment and Oppression of the Inhabitants, you either did yourself or suffer'd your Dubash or Servant acting under the Sanction of your Authority to engross the whole Trade of the Buzar or Market publishing an Order throughout the Bounds by beat of Tom Tom, that no person should presume to bring in or vend any Beetle Beetle Nut Tobacco, Sugar, Tamarin and other Buzar Articles, confiscating such as were brought in contrary to this order and obliging the Inhabitants to purchase them of you or your Dubash at exorbitant Rates.

16. That altho' by the Account Remains taken in April 1752 there should be 800 Pagodas worth of Grain in store on the Companys Account yet on the arrival of the Supravisor there in December there was not one Grain in store nor had any been then brought to Account as sold, altho' the President & Council are inform'd the whole had been sold sometime before, and that the Profit thereon amounted to upwards of 105 Pagodas.

17. That you suffer'd the Companys Conicoply under the sanction of your Authority to dismiss and turn out at his Pleasure the Officers of the Seapoys belonging to the Garrison of DeveCotah, merely to create Vacancies, taking Bribes from others under the Name of Entrance Money for promoting them to the Superior Ranks become vacant by such Dismissions.

18. That notwithstanding Orders were sent to you by the Select Committee dated 10th. October 1755 that no Vacancies occasioned by the Death or Desertion of any Seapoys belonging to the Garrison of DeveCotah should be filled up till further orders, and that the particular day of any such Death or Desertion should be noted on the Pay Rolls yet sundry Vacancies so occasioned were after the Receit of those Orders filled up and no Notice taken on the Rolls that any such Vacancies had happen'd.

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To the foregoing Articles I am directed by the President and Council to acquaint you they expect your Answer in writing without delay.

I am

Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

Jos: Dupre,

Secry.

Fort St. George,
the 25 May 1756.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. 27
Arriv'd Sloop Dolphin, Walle Rame from Metchlepatam. 28
Do. Ketch Hyderose, Agamuddo Hodjee from Mallayallum. —
Do. Snow Overbeck, Carel de Lange from Arracan. 30

June.

Arriv'd ship Speedwell, John Coatsworth, from the Malabar Coast. 1
Do. Sloop Soubat Persaad, Brunet from Ballasore. —

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Govrer. President.
Robert Clive. Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch. Charles Bourchier.
John Smith.

Tuesday the 1st.

Mr. Perceval *Absent being indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 25th. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

Order'd that a Commission be drawn out Constituting Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, and that he be paid the Company's Allowance as Deputy Governour for seven Months past which have elapsed since his arrival in India.

Commission to be drawn out for Mr. Clive as Deputy Govr. of Fort St. David & 7 Months allowce. to be pd. him.

Captain Taylor Powney and Ormston having been desired to survey the ship Delawar and report her Condition a Letter from them is now laid before the Board (as enter'd hereafter) signifying that having been on board and survey'd the said ship they are of Opinion that she is in a proper Condition to receive Goods on board and proceed on her Voyage to Europe.

Report Survey of the Delawar.

Order'd that the Export Warehousekeeper send Salt Petre and Redwood aboard, the Commander being first served with the usual Order.

Salt Petre & Redwood to be sent on board.

Letter from Mr. Robert Orme read as enter'd hereafter representing that he is informed there is a great Number of Six Pounder Guns at this place & St. David more than there is any use for, and requesting that he may have as many as can be spared for the ship Orixa on paying for them, and giving security if desired to return them when demanded if not unavoidably lost.

Mr. Orme requests some 6 Pounder Guns.

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Granted if they can be spared. The Engineer to report.

Agreed that Mr. Orme be permitted to have six of those Guns at the price they stand on the Company Books provided they can be spared without prejudice to the Company and the Secretary is directed to acquaint the Engineer that he is to report to the Board whether they may be safely spared or not.

Letter from Mr. Hopkins.

Letter from Mr. Charles Hopkins to the Secretary read, as enter'd hereafter, desiring he will signify to the Board that he has receiv'd the Charge sent him by their Order and will with all dispatch set about Answering it.

Letter from the Engineer with account materials &ca.

Letter from Captain John Brohier, Engineer read, as enter'd hereafter, accompanying several Accounts relating to the Materials supplied and expended for all which he desires his Account may be Credited if on examination those Accounts appear just.

Referred to the Accountant to Adjust.

Order'd that the said Accounts be referr'd to the Accountant to make the proper Adjustments in the General Books.

Major Killpatrick resigns & desires leave to go Home ℔ Delaway granted.

Letter from Major James Killpatrick read as enter'd hereafter requesting that Captain Winter may be serv'd with an order to receive him and his necessarys on board as a Passenger for Europe, he proposing to return to Europe if it meets with the Boards approbation, requesting also leave of absence for ten days to take his leave of the Nabob—all which is granted.

Lieut. Preston promoted to a company. Capt. Brevet given to Lieutt. Smith.

A Company in the Military being vacant by Major Killpatricks resignation Agreed that the Command thereof be given to Lieutenant Achilles Preston, And that Lieutenant Richard Smith be promoted to the Rank of a Capatin by Brevet.

Lieutt. Tripsack resign'd.

The President acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Henry Tripsack resign'd his Brevet as a Lieutenant a few days ago.

Letter from the Master &ca. of the Mermard Sloop Havnig thrown some Provision overboard.

Letter from Alexander Scott Master and George Moite Mate of the Honble Company's Sloop Mermaid read, as enter'd hereafter, representing that having met with Violent Gale of Wind off point Palmeiras in the Passage from Bengal there was a necessity for throwing overboard some of the Sloops Provision to make a Passage to the Pump, the Vessell proving leaky which gave them reason to fear the Salt Petre might receive damage.

The Storekeeper to supply more.

Orded'd that the Storekeeper supply the said Sloop with the necessary provision for her return to the Bay.

Indent for stationary for Madrantegum to be complied with.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board an Indent for Stationary for the use of the Commissarys at Madarantegum which he is order'd to comply with.

Head money ℔ Delawar to be paid.

Letter from Mr. Henry Harling Surgeon of the Delawar read, as enter'd hereafter, requesting to be paid the usual Gratuity for thirty Recruits brought from England in the Delawar & landed here, which is Order'd to be paid accordingly.

9 Chinese Men saved from a wreck to be maintained & return'd o Canton.

The President acquaints the Board that Nine Chinese Men having been saved out of a Vessell that was cast away to the Eastward were carried to Bengal and being destitute of support were there subsisted at the Company's Expence and are now arrived here in the Success Galley, as mention'd in the General Letter from Bengal dated 26 March No. 65 and they having no means

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of supporting themselves, he proposes that they be maintain'd at the Company s Charge untill they can be sent to their own Country Agreed that they be allow'd a Pagoda and a half (1½) each ℔ Month and that they be sent to Canton on one of the Companys Ships expected to touch here and proceed to China.

The President acquaints the Board that Christnah Row the highest Bidder for the Deve Cotah farm the 25 Instant And Guntoor Vencatachilum the highest Bidder the same day for the S^t^. Thome' Farm, both propose Coomerjee Devay, a Guzzerat Merchant and Inhabitant of Madras to be their security. Agreed that the several Members of this Board do make enquiry whether he is a person of sufficient substance to be accepted as security in this case, and communicate the result of their enquirys at the next Consultation. Coomerjee propos'd as security for the Renters of Deve-Cotah & St. Thome' Enquiry to be made & report next Cons.

Agreed that a General Letter be wrote to the Chief of DeveCotah directing him to open a sett of Books from the 1st. of last Month taking an Exact Inventory of the Company's Effects in that Settlement and carrying the several particulars to proper heads and in case he should meet with any difficultys as to Method that he Correspond with the Accountant here and follow his directions. A sett of Books to be opend at DeveCotah from 1st. Ma, last.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account Sale of sixty Bales of Broad Cloth sold at Outcry the 20th. Ultimo for one Pagoda ℔ Lot advance on the Price they were put up at. Account Sale of Cloth.

The Committee for Conducting the Works and providing Materials lay before the Board their Accounts from July 1754 to Ultimo April last, which are now referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report. Account of the Comm. of Works.

Mr. Henry Powney having been one of the Members of the above Committee for near two years the Board think proper to relieve him and Mr. Charles Bourchier is now appointed one of the Members of the said Committee in his stead. Mr. Bourchier appointed one of the Comm. of Works in the room of Mr. Powney.

The President from the Committee of Treasury reports that Goverdendoss Pursotumdoss has paid into the Treasury the amount of the Bill on him for the Nabobs Account, and deliver'd to the Committee in Consultation the 3d. Ultimo for One hundred and twenty two thousand Arcot Rupees (122,000) but not having a sufficient Number of Rupees he has paid a part in Pagodas Vizt. Bill on Goverdendoss paid

A.Rs. 84000 in Rupee.
36000 in Pagodas at 366 ℔ % is Pagodas 10,000.

A.Rs. 120000

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance then remaining compared with the Chest Four thousand five hundred and fiity nine Pagodas, eight fanams and thirty one Cash (4559. 8· 21) which is carried forward. May Cash Account read.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in One thousand five hundred (1500) Pagodas on his running Account. Money paid in by the Import Warehousekeeper.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in three hundred and seven Pagodas thirty three fanams and twenty three Cash (307. 33. 23) for the April Ballance of that Account. Land Customer.

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
John Smith.
Hs. Bourchier.

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The Honble United Company's Cash. Dr.

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
1.	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	19936	31527	22	20811	27	22
9.	To Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn recd of the Commissary on his Account as ℔ Cons. this day ..	6835	1	15	6835	1	15
11.	To Current Pagodas receiv'd from the Treasury	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
13.	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Beetle & Tobacco Farmers recd of them in full for one Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	200	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence recd of them in full for one Months rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	—	12000	—	333	12	—
19.	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him on his running Account	3400	—	—	3400	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running Account	1500	3600	—	1600	—	—
—	To Meerza Mahomet Caussum Renter of St. Thom' recd of him in part of six months rent of that Farm which will become due the 31st. Instant	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	52871	63928	37	54646	28	37

Per Contra. Cr.

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
3.	By Sunca Vencata Ramah & Ambaltaddy Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
13.	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
—	By Do. paid their two Drafts advised in their Letter of the 8th. as ℔ Cons this day, Vizt.— 1 Bill at 3 days sight to Capt. John Durand for .. 5959 16 16 1 Do. 3 days do. H. Kelsall .. 2207 26 —	8166	42	16	8167	6	16
—	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca. ..	7000	—	—	7000	—	—
19	By Tonnapah Condapah and Nineapah advanced them on Account of Chints painting ..	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
22	By His Majesty's Squadron paid the Compy's Allowance of 5 Pagodas ℔ day for Admiral Watsons Table from 1st. October 1755 to 30 April 1756 both inclusive being 213 days	1065	—	—	1065	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	52231	42	16	52232	6	16

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THE HON^BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.* D^R.

Date		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought over Pagodas ..	52871	63928	37	54646	28	37
22.	To Current Pagodas rec^d from the Treasury ..	12000	—	—	12000	—	—
26.	To D°.	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
31.	To D°.	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
—	To Batta for the produce of 1000 Pagodas issued as ₱ Contra & exchanged into Fanams at the rate of 42 fanams ₱ Pagoda and brought to Account here at 36 fanams ₱ Pagoda ..	—	42000	—	1166	24	—
	STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS.	80871	105928	37	83813	16	37

PER CONTRA—*cont.*

Date		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought over Pagodas ..	52231	42	16	52232	6	16
25.	By George Pigot Esqr. Mint Master paid him the Ballance of Current Pagodas due to the Mint on the Account for April	22	1	70	22	1	70
—	By Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper advanced him to pay for Rice Purchased ..	7000	—	—	7000	—	—
—	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad &c^a.	3000	—	—	3000	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	500	—	—	500	—	—
27.	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &c^a. next Month ..	7000	—	—	7000	—	—
31.	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Chargesof that Employ.	6000	90000	—	8500	—	—
—	By Batta Issued in the Course of this month for the purchase of fanams as ₱ Contra ..	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
		76753	90044	6	79254	8	6
—	By Ballance carried to next Months Account ..	4118	15884	31	4559	8	31
	STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS.	80871	105928	37	83813	16	37

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Fort St. George, 1st. June 1756.

Account Sale of the Honble Company's Broad Cloth by Publick Outcry on the usual Terms Vizt.

The Time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice price.	Price put up at,	Price sold at.	Amount of each lot.	To whom sold.
20th. May.	Broad Cloth 2 aurora, 2 Ord red, 2 Green	Bales 6 ..	Pags. 500 3 60	Pags. 575 — —	..	Pags. 576 — —	Arnagady Chittee.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Do.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Paupah Chittee.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Do.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Sheally.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Chungarah Chittee.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Do.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Nella Chittee.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Do.
	Do.	Do. 6 ..	Do.	Do.	..	576 — —	Ramah Chittee.
	Bales ..	60			Pags. ..	5760 — —	

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Errors Excepted
℔ Henry Powney,
Impt. Wareho Kr.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to your requests of the 29th. We this morning went on Board the Delawar Captain Winter & on surveying her, find she is in good state & proper Condition to receive Goods on Board & proceed on her Voyage to Europe. We are with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & most humble Servants,

Francis Taylor.
Thomas Powney.
William Ormston.

Fort St. George,
31st. May 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being inform'd with some certainty that there are a great Number of Six Pound Guns at this Place and at St. David more than there is any use for, I take the Liberty to request you will favour me with as many as you can spare for the service of the Ship Orixa now proceeding on her Voyage, they are intended for her Defence only and I am ready to oblige myself that they shall be return'd to the Company whenever demanded if not unavoidably lost, in the mean time paying for them.

The Times and the Extent of that Concern are the Cause of this Application, which I flatter myself will be thought not wholly unworthy of your Consideration.

I am with the most perfect respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,
Robert Orme.

Madras,
June 1st. 1756.

To Mr. Josias DuPre Secretary.

Sir,

Last night I receiv'd a Letter which You say you had been directed by the Hoñble the President & Council to write me containing several Articles of a Charge grounded upon a Report, that had been laid before them, by Mr. John Smith Supra Vizor of Our Hoñble Master's Settlement of DeveCotah, requiring my Answer in Writing without delay.

You will please therefore to Signifie to the Hoñble Board, that I will immediately set about paying a ready Obedience to their Commands with all the dispatch, my Condition of Health will admit of as soon as I can furnish myself with some Papers from St. Thomas necessary thereto.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Charles Hopkins.

St. Thomas' Mount,
the 31st. May 1756.

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To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

As a Quantity of materials had been supplied me Monthly by the Paymaster & Storekeeper for the Use of the Works and that those Materials are nearly expended, The Board has herewith an Account Current shewing what Ballance was left in my hands to the 31st. July 1753, at which time, I receiv'd an order from the Board which obliged me to Return that Ballance to the Paymaster and Storekeeper Respectively According to their several supplies, but as the Paymaster had already Charged the Materials he had furnished me in his Monthly Bills, he could not Charge them again when expended (as there would have appear'd a double Charge) I therefore was obliged to keep them in my hands till they were work'd up, in consequence of which the Board has also an Account Current from the 1st. August 1753 to the 30th. April 1756 shewing what Payments have been made by the Paymaster for Materials and Workmanship and what Accounts I have deliver'd Monthly to the Board since that Time. The Ballance of which being only in * Mamooties (which are in Use in the Works) and some Rattans fit only to make Charcoal for Painting amount to Pagodas 221. 26. 8.

Annexed to those Accounts are also one shewing where the Ballance of Materials Remaining in my hands the 31st. July 1753 has been expended and to what Heads; for all which I must beg the Board will be pleased to Order that I may be Credited if upon Examination those Accounts appear to them to be Just, that I may be discharged from any sums appearing in the Company's Books under the Head of Materials supplied me.

I am
Hoñble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant,
John Brohier.

Fort St. George,
the 31st. May 1756.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

As I intend returning to Europe on the Delawar should it meet with your approbation must desire the favour that you will give an order to Captain Winter to receive me and my necessary things on board of that Ship.

You know Gentlemen that the Nabob and I are old Acquaintances and I have receiv'd many favours from him which Merits a gratefull acknowledgment from me at least. You will therefore oblige me in the most sensible manner by granting me leave of absence for ten days that I may pay my Respects to him and his family at Arcot, and take my leave of them. I have the honour to remain with the greatest Gratitude and Respect,

Hoñble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant,
James Killpatrick.

Fort St. George,
31st. May 1756.

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* Mamooty—A digging tool of the form used all over India *i.e.*, not in the shape of a spade, but in that of a hoe with the helve at an acute angle with the blade—Hobson—Jobson, page 549.

—*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1756*—

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Having on the 18 May in my Passage from Bengal to this Port met with a Gale of wind at W.B.S. and W.S.W. in the Lattitude of $\overset{\phi}{8}$. $\overset{M}{20}$ N then imagining myself about 6 Degrees to the Westward of Point Palmeiras, and expecting to make the Land was necessitated to Lay too under a fore sail for about 30 hours this Labouring of the Vessell occasioning her proving Leaky, having no Communication to the Pump Well and being afraid of the Salt Petre's being damaged, tho at the same time kept always one pump going, and sometime two, obliged me to clear away a Passage by throwing overboard some Rice, part of which was my own as well as the Sloops Provision, for the Truth of the above I beg leave to refer my Logg Book as well as to my Mate who these Contents subscribe in Conjunction with me.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant [*sic*],

Alexander Scott.
George Moite.

Madras,
June 1st. 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Thirty Recruits on the Honble Companys Account having been brought out from England in the Delawar and landed here, I humly request your Honour &ca. will be pleased to order the usual Gratuity to be paid me as Surgeon of that Ship.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedt. hum Sert.

Henry Harling.

Fort St. George,
the 1st. June 1756.

Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Tellicherry dated 8th. Ultimo. 1

Do. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David 30th. Ultimo. 2

Arriv'd his Majesty's Ship Bridgewater, Captain Henry Smith from Fort St. David. 3

Arriv'd the Isaac Galley, Abdullah Chalee from Surat. 5

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1756*——

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Gover^r^. President.

Monday the 7th. June.

Robert Clive.	Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.	Robert Orme.
Alex^r^. Wynch.	William Perceval.
John Smith.	Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 1st. Instant read and sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read

From Tellicherry.

No. 72 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 8 Ultimo advising that the Stretham touched there in her way to Europe the 27th. March and sail'd the next day, that the Pelham and Duke of Dorset both compleatly loaded there received their final dispatches for England the 24th. April, and that the Houghton for Canton touch'd there the 6th. May and was to Sail in a few days. That besides the quantity of pepper order'd for the Houghton they shall have remaining considerably more than one ships entire Cargo of that Article all of last years Crop. That they have not yet contracted for any of this Years Crop the price being too exorbitant and shall not unless it falls considerably, of which there is no appearance.

From Ft. St. David.

No. 73 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 30th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 12th. and 20th. with the Treasure ℔ Bridgewater and Twenty Thousand Pagodas (20000) ℔ Peons and acquainting us that they have communicated our Orders to Captain D'. Illins and shall regulate his Company according to our Instructions. That their Warehousekeeper is willing to undertake the Package of their Bales on the Terms We proposed, enclosing an Indent for stores they receiv'd from Captain Caillaud which they cannot comply with. That they shall follow our directions relating to any Europe ships that may touch there, but as the Squadron did not receive any Madeira Wine there last year they shall be at a Loss what Quantity to Land on their Account. That they have called on Captain Schaubs Officers for the Rolls We mentioned and their Answer is, that tho it is customary in their Corps to keep a Journal of Occurrences they were prevented by Captain Schaubs ordering the Serjeant Major not to make them any return but they suppose Captain Schaub has done it, that they never saw any Rolls he having always made them privately by Night and in every respect kept them in Ignorance of all transactions relating to his Company. That therefore they can say nothing positive as to the sudden reduction of the Detachment in October 1752 from 89 to 49 Men nor do they know of any remarkable sickness or Desertion except about 30 Men who ran away to Golcondah in August 1753 for which reason they think the sudden reduction in October 1752 impossible, that Serjeant Heim might probably give a better Account, but that two days before Captain Schaub set out for Madras he went away to Pondicherry where Captain Schaub was seen by his Dubash to give him 30 Pagodas. That Mr. Frishman further says neither he or Mr. Huibert ever received pay as Voluntiers tho they often ask'd for it as they were inform'd they were charged in the Rolls at 5 Pagodas ℔ month. That Captain Schaubs Dubash informs them his Master sent Serjeant Heim to Pondicherry under Charge of two Seapoys a few days before he went to Madras and that he saw his Master pay him 30 Pagodas at Pondicherry, and heard the Serjeant say he had his Masters leave to go to Bengal. That this is all the information they can get but shall endeavour to bring Serjeant Heim from Pondicherry in hopes of learning more. That they now forward Duplicate of their General Books ending Ultimo April 1755.

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AGREED that the Paragraph in the foregoing Letter from Fort S^t. David No. 73 relating to Captain Schaub be referred to the Committee of Accounts to examine and report. Reference to the Committee of Accots. relating to Captn. Schaub.

ORDER'D that the Indent receiv'd from Fort St. David for the service of Trichinopoly be complied with as soon as the Articles can be procured. St. David for Trichinoply Stores to be complied with.

AGREED That twenty thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees be sold Linga Chittee at the rate of Three hundred and sixty six (366) Arcot Rupees for One hundred (100) Pagodas, amounting to Arcot Rupees Seventy three thousand two hundred. Rupees sold Linga Chittee.

Agreeable to resolution of last Consultation the several Members of the Board having inform'd themselves in regard to the Character of Coomerjee, proposed by the Renters of DeveCotah and St. Thome' as their Security, report that they find he is generally esteem'd a Man of Substance and Credit AGREED that he be accepted as Security. Coomerjee accepted as Security for the Renters of Deve-Cotah & St. Thome.

The President acquaints the Board that in Consequence of the reference in Consultation the 12 April in regard to the Fort S^t. David Merchants, Cawn Moodely and Tenneveroy Pillah, he had called them before him as well as the Arbitrators by them chosen to determine their differences, and finding on enquiry that the delay was occasion'd by those Merchants not delivering in all their Accounts, he had taken such Measures for having them laid before the arbitrators that they have been enabled to make their Award, a Translation whereof is now produced and read, as enter'd hereafter whereby it appears that upon an Adjustment of the Partnership Accounts between the said Cawn Moodelly and Tenneveroy Pillah the latter is indebted to the Company in Five thousand one hundred and nine Pagodas twenty four fanams and sixty Cash (5109. 24. 60) and Twenty nine Corge and Sixteen pieces (C. 29. P. 16) of Blue Cloth. Arbitrators Award relating to Cawn Moodelair & Tenneveroy Pillah.

N.B. The whole Ballance due to the Company from these two Merchants as appears by their Account in the Fort St. David Books under the head of Andeapah Moodelaire &c^a. Merchants is Pagodas Fifteen thousand three hundred and eighty nine, fifteen fanams and thirty Cash (15389. 15. 30).

ORDER'D that the said two Merchants be summon'd to attend the Board at the next Consultation. Cawn Moodelly & Tonneveroy Pillah to attend next Cons.

AGREED that the Syren Sloop be dispatch'd to Bengal and touch at Vizagapatam, That about the value of a Lack of Rupees be consign'd by her to the Gentlemen at the Bay, and Thirty thousand Arcot Rupees and Thirty Thousand Madras Pagodas to the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam of which Ten thousand Madras Pagodas to be forwarded to Ingeram and Ten thousand to Maddapollam. That about Thirty Military be also sent to Vizagapatam to reinforce that Garrison, and that Captain Beaver proceed thither in the room of Captain Gardner. Syren to be dispatched to Bengal & Vizag. Treasure to be sent & Military to Vizag.

ORDER'D that the Military for Vizagapatam be Victualled in the Passage by the Master of the Sloop and that the Storekeeper pay him the usual Allowance. Military to be Victualled.

Captain Robert Jackson of the Arcot Snow having declined that Command on Account of a bad state of Health Captain Edward Bib is now appointed Commander of the said Snow now repairing at Vizagapatam, whither he is order'd to proceed on the Syren Sloop. Edward Bib appointed to Command the Arcot Snow.

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Stores for the Arcot snow to be sent.

An Indent for some Stores for the use of the Arcot Snow being laid before the Board, the Storekeeper is directed to comply therewith.

Report on the price of the Northward Long cloth midling.

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to reference in Consultation the 13th. May having compared the Prices of the Northward Cloths as settled in Consultation the 20 December with the Accounts sent up from Ingeram and Bandarmalanka shewing the difference between those prices and the former Invoice prices he finds there was a mistake in the Long Cloth Midling thrō an omission of adding ten ℘ Cent on the Madras Pagodas to bring them into Current, and in regard to the other Cloths that they are all settled at pretty near the former Invoice prices of the Vizagapatam Cloths.

Order thereon.

Agreed that the Gentlemen at the three Northern Settlements be directed to Invoice their Long Cloth Midling in the following manner.

No. 1 @ 61 Current Pagodas ℘ Corge.
2 59 Do.
3 57 Do.

and that all the other Cloths remain as settled in Consultation 20th. December last.

Sea Customer pays in money.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

Translation of an Award made by the undermentioned Arbitrators and directed to the Honble President and Council dated the 19th. of April 1756.

Whereas you were pleased to order Us to settle the Company's accounts relating to Cawn Moodely and Tenneveroy Moodely the Companys Merchants of Fort St. David, We have agreeable thereto examin'd thoroughly the said Accounts, the Declarations of both parties, and all other proofs whatsoever and awarded the matter as follows.

All Accounts from Rudrogary Samvecher (or 1743) to Suclar (or 1749) being 7 Years, were examin'd and clear'd and after having deducted the profits due to the share of Tennevroy Moodely, he the said Tenneveroy Modley was found indebted or answerable to the Company for Pagodas Five thousand one hundred and nine, twenty four fanams and sixty Cash (5109. 24. 60) Blue Cloth Corges 29. 16.

Thus We have Decided the matter

Sign'd by

Gundavedy Vencataramah.
Mutty Chittee Brother to Mannapaba Nella Chittee.
Kalava Chittee.
Nagoo Cutty Chittee.

8. Sail'd Ship Speedwell, John Coatsworth for Bengal.

9. Receiv'd by Peons General Letters from Ingeram dated 18th. and 25th. May.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1756*——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

WEDNESDAY THE 9TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE.	STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 7th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters from Ingeram read.

No. 74 and 75 General Letters from Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingerm read the first dated the 18th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 11th. May, and acquainting Us that he will endeavour to give Us immediate Notice should the French attempt any Hostilitys, tho he is apprehensive as they are in possession of the Country round they will take care to intercept his Advices. That he thinks it his Duty to represent to Us the situation of that Settlement That we may take proper methods for its security Vizt. that in his Letter of the 20th. January 1755 having informed Us of the damages it had sustain'd We reply'd that in case the Treaty took place the Works at Nellipillee were to be demolish'd, that those Damages have been greatly enlarged by the last Rains and the Works have settled considerably so that they require to be much raised. That the Garrison consists chiefly of old Topasses & Seapoys scarcely capable of Duty, besides about Thirteen Europeans all foreigners Deserters amongst whom there is not one capable of levelling a Gun or throwing a shell. That the whole amount of the Repairs will be about One thousand (1000) Pagodas and if We should think proper to have them done he should be glad of a person to inspect them. That the supply of money we propose sending will be very acceptable to the Merchants. Cloth on hand in all Ninety seven Corge seventeen pieces 97. 17. The other is dated the 25th. May enclosing Duplicate of the foregoing Letter Cloth on hand in all 108 Corge.

No Repairs to be made at Nellipillee.

AGREED that Mr. Westcott at Ingeram be directed not to make any Repairs to the Works at Nellipille at present.

Letter from the Engineer that 6 Six Pounder Guns may be spared. *Vide Cons 1st. Inst. order for delivery.

Letter from Mr. John Brohier Engineer read as entered hereafter acquainting the Board that in Consequence of their Order of the 1st. Instant having examin'd the return of the Ordnance at St. David, he finds there are 6–18 Pdrs. 12–12 Pdrs. 37–9 Pdrs. and 60–6 Pdrs. which if the Works were finished would not be more than sufficient for their defence, but as the Fortifications cannot be in a Condition to receive them for some years he conceives Six Six Pounders may be spared without prejudice to the Company.*

Representation of the Expt. Ware. Ho. Kr. in relation to Bags deliver'd with Rice purchased.

The Export Warehousekeeper represents that with the Ship Rice purchased for the Companys Account sometimes Bags are delivered and sometimes not, and it often happens that great part of those which are deliver'd are old and of little value and therefore have not been brought to Account but upon exportation of Grain such as were serviceable have been made use of again, but as this Method does not appear quite regular he desires the directions of the Board in what manner to bring them to Account. The Board being of Opinion that this Article is too inconsiderable to occasion a head in the Books ORDER'D that the Export Warehousekeeper take for his own Account all the Bags delivered with Rice purchased for the Company, and provide at his own Expence sufficient Bags for the Rice Exported.

Order thereon.

Deficiency in Salt Petre ℔ Syren to be wrote off.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that there is a deficiency in the Salt Petre Consign'd from Bengal by the Syren of 9. Mds. 17 lb. which he apprehends might have happen'd in bringing ashore one Boat having receiv'd much damage in the Surf ORDER'D that the said deficiency be wrote off.

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Arms &ca. in the Armoury to be Survey'd & Reported.

There being many old Arms and Accoutrements in the Armoury of which some may be repairable and others not ORDER'D that the Military Storekeeper, with Lieutenants Paschoud and Jennings of the Train Survey and report to the Board the Condition of the said Arms &ca.

Cawn Moodeliar & Tenneveroy Pillah called in *enter'd after the Minute of last Cons. Award read—they are required to pay their Ballce. Answer. Order'd to deliver Lists of Debts due to them.

Agreeable to order of last Consultation the two Fort St. David Merchants Cawn Moodelair and Tonneveroy Pillah attending are now called in and the * Award of the Arbitrators being read to them the President acquainted them that the Board expected they should immediately think of means to discharge the large Ballance due from them to the Company in the proportions settled by the said Award, to which they replied, that they were unable to discharge it at present by reason of the large Debts due to them which they have not hitherto been able to collect in, whereupon they are promised the Boards assistance and directed to deliver to the President before the next Consultation just and true Lists of their several Outstanding Debts.

Recommendation to the Company to make an addition to Coll. Lawrences Appointments.

The Appointments which the Honble Court of Directors have been pleas'd to settle on Colonel Lawrence being insufficient to defray his necessary Expences in the station they have thought proper to place him, the Board with all Deference to the Commands of their Superiors, beg leave to take Notice that considering the high Opinion they were pleas'd to entertain of Colonel Lawrences Abilitys when they appointed him to his present Station of Commander in Chief, and the Satisfaction they have since on many occasions express'd with his Conduct (all which the Board humbly beg leave to say his good Services and Attachment to the Company very justly deserves) they conceive it cannot but be the Intention of their Honble Masters to allow him a Maintenance suitable to his Rank in their Service, Whereas that which he now enjoys is scarcely more than the Pay and Advantages of one of the Companys of Artillery It is therefore AGREED that it be humbly recommended to the Honble Court of Directors in the next General Letter to make such an Addition to Colonel Lawrences Appointments, in Consideration of his good Services, as they shall think proper and untill their pleasure be known that he be allow'd One hundred Pagodas ℔ Month exclusive of his present Salary and Diet to commence from the 1st. Instant.

in the meantime 100 Pagodas ℔ Mo. to be allowed him.

Rent paid in for

Pitloor Vencata Kistna & Permaul Kellava Chittee pay in the following Rents Vizt.

Beetle & Tobacco.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) in full for one months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Arrack & Wine.

Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve Fanams (333. 12) in full for one Months Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. Ultimo.

Measuring Duty.

One hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166. 24) in full for two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. Ultimo.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1756——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

In Consequence of Your order signified to me by Mr. Secretary Dupre' I beg leave to acquaint the Board that by the last return I have of the Ordnance at St. David, which was the 26 August 1753. There were in Store or more properly dismounted

6	. . . .	18 Pounders
12	. . . .	12 Do.
37	. . . .	9 Do.
60	. . . .	6 Do.

Which (were the Fortifications of this Place Erected) would not be more than required for their difference but as they cannot be in a Condition Yet for some Years to receive the Artillery necessary for the Garrison, I conceive Six Pounders may be spared without prejudice to the Company. I am

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedient and most humble Servant,

John Brohier.

Forb St. George,
the 2D. June 1756.

Saild Ship Sigra. da Ampara Manoel de Moreas for Macao. 9th.

Sail'd the Honble Company's Sloop Syren John Smith for Vizagapatam and Bengal with General Letters for both Settlements, also for Ingeram, Maddapollam & Negrais, to be forwarded from Vizagapatam. 10.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 7th. Instant. —

Sail'd His Majesty's Ship Bridgewater Henry Smith Esqr. for Fort St. David. 11.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. —

Sail'd Success Galley Peter Duncan, for Bengal. 13.

At a Consultation — Thursday the 17th.

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Robert Clive.	Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney.	Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.	William Perceval.
John Smith.	Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 9th. Instant read & sign'd

Mr. Powney Reports the Hospital.

Mr. Powney Reports that he had visited the Hospital and found no just cause of Complaint.

General Letter from St. David read

No. 76 General Letter from Fort St. David dated 7th. Instant read, advising that they send us their Consultations and monthly Accounts with their Committees Report for April. That they also send Us an Account Remains of Plate and Furniture and Copy of a Letter from Mr. Newton, with whom

they agree in opinion that the things are greatly overated, desiring our directions. That Irshapah Chitty and Andeapah late DeveCotah Renters are still indebted to the Company half a Years Rent amounting to Pagodas Three thousand which they say they cannot pay till their Account of Juncan is settled on which they shall wait Our Orders enclosing a Petition of the Trevenduporum Renters to which they desire Our Answer enclosing Indents for Stores for 1756.

General Letter to Fort St. David.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to send a List of the Plate and Furniture which is not yet received, that We may judge of the value. That the Juncan claim'd by the former DeveCotah Renters is now under Consideration and We shall give them Our directions on it shortly, and that the Trevenduporum Renters are to be allow'd the eleven days agreeable to their request for the difference of stile.

Captain Winter requests Salt Petre at ½ Freight.

Letter from Captain Thomas Winter dated the 15th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter, acquainting the Board that he has now taken in his Charter party Salt Petre and requesting twenty or thirty Tons more on half Freight.

The Board reserve the Liberty of declaring how much shall be at ½ Freight on Dispatch.

Agreed that the Secretary write to Captain Winter that the Board purpose lading as much Salt Petre as they can on the Delawar and in case they have more Bales than sufficient to compleat his Tonnage, they reserve to themselves the Liberty of declaring what part of the Salt Petre laden shall be at half Freight.

Report Survey of Arms &ca. in the Armoury.

Letter from Messrs. Charles Bourchier, Military Storekeeper, John Francis Paschoud and William Jennings Lieutenants of the Train read as enter'd hereafter containing their Report of the Survey with a List annex'd of the Arms and Accoutrements remaining in the Armoury, distinguishing such as are repairable from those that are unserviceable.

Order thereon.

Order'd that the serviceable small Arms be repair'd that such as are reported unserviceable be packed up in Chests and laid by as useless, and that all the unserviceable Stores of kinds be sold at Outcry for the most they will fetch.

Representation of the Military Storekr, Viz. 3 Tarpaulins Deficient. 200 lbs. Gunpr. &ca. 34 Trading Guns seized in 1754. Invoice of Powder ⅌ Brittannia from Bengal.

The Military Storekeeper represents to the Board that in the Year 1753 Three Tarpaulins were deliver'd out of the Storehouse to Captain Greenville when he went from hence with a party to DeveCotah, and they have never been return'd That in the Drying of the Gunpowder in Store a quantity of Dust is always seperated which has been sent back to the Mill from time to time to be remade, and that in the space of about two Years the deficiency thereon has amounted to Two hundred (200) lb. of Powder. That an Order having been published in the Year 1754 prohibiting the purchase of small Arms and thirty four Trading Guns being offer'd to sale in the Black Town were seiz'd and deposited in the Company's Storehouse. That Sixty Chests of Gunpowder receiv'd from Bengal ⅌ Britannia in 1755 are not yet brought to Account no Invoice having been sent up with them, on all which he requests the Boards directions.

Orders thereon.

Order'd that the Three Tarpaulins deliver'd Captain Greenville and the Deficiency on Gunpowder dust remade be wrote off to Profit & Loss. That the Trading Guns seized as above reported be confiscated to the Company's Use and brought to Account on their Books at the price the Military Storekeeper may judge them worth And that the Gentlemen at Bengal be wrote to for an Invoice of the Gunpowder ⅌ Britannia.

83 Bales of Broad cloth to be forwarded to Bombay ⅌ Orixa.

Agreed that the Eighty Bales of Broad Cloth and three Bales of Long Ells receiv'd ⅌ Delawar to be forwarded to Bombay be sent by the Orixa on Freight at two Pagodas and an half (2½) ⅌ Bale.

—FORT ST. GOERGE, JUNE 1756—

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account of the Rice purchased of the Supra Cargo of the Ship Prince Henry of Prussia * in quantity seven thousand nine hundred and sixteen (7,916) Bags, weighing One lb. Million seventy seven thousand three hundred and eighty two pound 1077. 382) or One hundred and sixteen Grace, one hundred and fifty six thirteen sixteenths Mercals (116. 156 13/16) amounting (at the several prices according to the Quality of the Rice) to eight thousand three hundred and forty four Pagodas twenty fanams and seventy eight Cash (8344. 20. 78) which is order'd to be paid. Accot. of Rice purchased of the Supra of the prussian ship * Vide Con 5 April 1756.

Report dated the 15th. Ultimo from the Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of this Presidency for January and February last, read, as entered hereafter. Committee of Accots report on the Accots. of this Settlement for Janry & Febry & Orders thereon.

Para. of Report 6 . . In regard to the recommendation in this para. ORDER'D That all serviceable Wood Timber and Iron Work of Buildings pulled down be deliver'd to the Storekeeper and brought to Account in his Books under a Head of OLD MATERIALS to be opened for that purpose, but that the old Bricks and Rubbish be used where they may be serviceable without being particularly Accounted for, as indeed it would be difficult, if not impracticable to take an exact Account of them.

8. In regard to the Check recommended in this Paragraph the Board observe that the method which they think might most effectually check the employment of Materials, would be by an Overseer of sufficient skill and knowledge in Building to be able to Judge by a view of the Works what quantity of Materials are employed in them from time to time, and as the Board do not know of any person so qualified there is a necessity of relying on the Engineer, for as it would be impossible for the Paymaster, or any one else personally to attend and see every Material employ'd the Paymasters Check could be but of little service as it must be grounded on reports of black Servants. In regard to the Payment of Cooleys the Paymaster acquaints the Board that his People and the Engineers pay them together so that they are a Check on each other.

All the other observations and Recommendations in the said Report are approved and ORDER'D to be observed and carried into Execution by the several persons whom they Concern.

The following Accounts are now read and Passd Vizt.

MINT.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance carried forward due from the Mint Forty four Arcot Rupees, two Annaes (44. 2) and One hundred and four Madras Pagodas (104) And due to the Mint Thirty (30) Current Pagodas, five fanams and sixty five Cash (30. 5. 65). Monthly Accounts of this Presidency for January & February read & passed.

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance carried forward due from the Mint Eighty four Arcot Rupees fifteen Anaes (84. 15.) and Two hundred and twenty seven Madras Pagodas (227) and due to the Mint Forty eight Current Pagodas twenty nine fanams and fifty five Cash (48. 29. 55).

CASH.

These Accounts, thô re-examined by the Committee are passed in Consultation Monthly.

IMPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Four thousand and seventy four Pagodas, nineteen fanams and thirty five Cash (4074. 19. 35). Impt. Warehouse kr.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1756* ——

IMPORT WAREHUSEKEEPERS—*cont.*

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Five thousand three hundred and twenty six Pagodas, thirty fanams and twenty five Cash (5326. 30. 25).

SEA CUSTOMER'S.

Sea Customers.

For the Month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward One thousand and sixty nine Pagodas, sixteen fanams and sixty Cash (1069. 16. 60).

Monthly accot. of this Presidency read.

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Four thousand One hundred and three Pagodas, thirty three fanams and sixty Cash (4,103. 33. 60).

EXPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Three thousand nine hundred and sixty four Pagodas, twenty two fanams and twenty two Cash (3964. 22. 22).

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried for ward Three thousand eight hundred and six Pagodas, thirty four fanams and twenty nine Cash (3806. 34. 29).

Export Warehouse-krs.

Mr. Orme having been at Vellore when the Accounts of this Presidency for the Months of October, November and December were passed in Consultation the 20th. February last, his Accounts for those months as Export Warehouse-keeper are pass'd now, the Ballances whereof are Vizt.

for October Novemr. Decembr passed.

In the Month of OCTOBER—Ballance due from him and carried forward Three thousand nine hundred and eighty eight Pags; thirty four fanams and sixty seven Cash (3988. 34. 67).

For the Month of NOVEMBER—Ballance due from him and carried forward Two thousand and seven pagodas thirty four fanams and nine Cash (2007. 34. 9).

For the month of DECEMBER—Ballance due from him and carried forward Two thousand nine hundred and sixty one Pagodas, one fanam and thirty six Cash (2961. 1. 36).

STOREKEEPER'S

Storekeepers.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Two thousand two hundred and fifty three Pagodas, twenty nine fanams and fifty six Cash (2253. 29. 56).

For the Month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Two hundred and tewnty two Pagodas twenty five fanams and forty two Cash (222. 25. 42).

LAND CUSTOMER'S.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Four hundred and nine pagodas eleven fanams and twenty Cash (409. 11. 20).

Monthly account of this presidency read & passed. Land Customers

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Four hundred and seventy four pagodas, seven fanams and sixty nine Cash (474. 7. 69).

PAYMASTER.

Paymaster.

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Fourteen thousand eight hundred and ninety Pagodas, one fanam and fifty seven Cash (14890. 1. 57).

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Twelve thousand nine hudred and sixty six Pagodas, thirty one fanams and twenty six Cash (12966. 31. 26).

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MILITARY PAYMASTER'S.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Two hundred and forty eight Pagodas, nine fanams and Fifty nine Cash (248. 9. 59). Military Paymr.

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due to him and carried forward Two hundred and sixteen Pagodas, thirty fanams and seventy seven Cash (216. 30. 77).

MILITARY STOREKEEPER.

For the month of JANUARY—Ballance due from him and carried forward Four hundred and twenty three Pagodas, six fanams and forty Cash (423. 6. 40). Military Storekr.

For the month of FEBRUARY—Ballance due to him and carried forward One thousand one hundred and ninetyeight Pagodas, twenty six fanams and twenty-six Cash (1198. 26. 26).

Another report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 15th. May on the Accounts of the Southern Settlements read, as enter'd hereafter, Vizt. on those of Fort St. David, revised with the reports of the Committee there dated 25th. January & 2d. 17th. & 22d. March. Report Committee [of] Accounts on St. David & DeveCotah & Orders thereon.

STOREHOUSE CIVIL & MILITARY.

9. In regard to the purchase of Stores AGREED that it be recommended to the Deputy Governour & Council to inform themselves very particularly from time to time of the Prices of all kinds of Stores required for the Company's Service, and to permit the Storekeeper there to provide them as they may be wanted at such rates as they shall think reasonable. Parã of Report.

ENGINEER.

16 @ 19. Instead of the Accounts recommended to be kept by the Engineer and transmitted to the Presidency, ORDER'D that the Engineer Certify at the foot of the Paymasters and Storekeeper's Monthly Accounts that the Materials charged as expended by him have actually been employ'd on the Company's Works. Parã of Report.

20. In regard to the Check on the Engineer at St. David in the applying of Materials, the same difficulties occur as have already been taken Notice of in the former part of these Minutes in regard to the Check on the Engineer here, to which the Board see no remedy.

All the other Observations and recommendations in the said Report relative to the Settlement of Fort St. David and DevaCotah are ORDER'D to be observed and carried into Execution by the several persons whom they concern.

Another Report from the Committee of Accounts dated 15th. May on the Accounts of the Northern Settlements for the Months of October, November, December, January and February. Report Committee of Accounts on the Northern Settlemts. from Octr. to Febry.

VIZAGAPATAM.

The Board having Considered the several Paragraphs under this head, are of Opinion that the method recommended will not fully answer the proposed end, And it is therefore referr'd back to the Committee of Accounts to re-examine and report whether the Accounts of this Settlement may not be regulated by some method that will more effectually obviate the difficulties and irregularities which now Occur. What relates to Vizagapatam referr'd back to the Committee of Accots. to re-examine & Report

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INGERAM.

Ingeram Para of report.

11. In regard to the Cloathing charged for Recruits, Orders have been sent to Ingeram in the General Letter dated 20th. Ultimo that the Captains of the Company's are to provide all Cloathing out of the Stoppages from the Soldiers Pay.

12. AGREED that Mr. Westcott be directed to explain the reason of the extraordinary Freight mention'd in this Paragraph.

MADDAPOLLAM.

Maddapollam.

14. AGREED that Mr. Andrews be directed to explain every Article particularly in all his Accounts.

All the other Observations and recommendations in the said Report relative to the Settlements of Ingeram and Bandermalanka are order'd to be observ'd and carried into execution by the several Persons whom they concern.

Report Committee of Accounts on the out Garrisons from Octr. to Febry.

Another Report of the Committee of Accounts dated the 15th. Ultimo on the Account of the Out Garrisons, Camp and Commissary from Primo October to Ultimo February (excepting the Trichinopoly Accounts for December and January which have been mislaid) read as enter'd hereafter.

Para of Report.

1. . . The President acquaints the Board that other Copies of the Trichinopoly December and January Accounts have been procured since the date of the above report and are now before the Committee of Accounts.

2. . . In regard to the want of Check on the disbursements at the Out Garrison, taken Notice of by the Committee in this Paragraph, the Board observe that the Commanding Officer at Trichinopoly is a Check on all the other Officers under his Command in regard to Musters, and Mr. Maunsell the Commissary at Camp Musters the Men in the Field as well as those at Arcot whilst the Army lies there.

3. . . The Out Garrisons not being supplied with Writers is the reason the Articles of Expence are not more particularly explain'd in the manner recommended by the Committee however, the President is desired to write to the several Persons Concern'd to be as particular in their Accounts as possible.

4. . . AGREED that henceforward the Commanding Officer at Chingalaput be supplied with Rupees only for his Disbursements, excepting for the pay of the European Military, which being drawn for in one Sum Monthly cannot make any Confusion in his Accounts.

5. . . The President is desired to give directions to the Commanding Officers in the Out Garrisons to send up monthly Accounts of Disbursements on behalf of the Nabob Countersigned by his Killedar in the manner recommended by the Commission in this Paragraph.

Letter to Fort St. David to deliver over the settlement to Mr. Clive. Mr. Starke to come up.

Mr. Clive intending to set out tomorrow for Fort St. David to take Charge of that Settlement as Deputy Governor, Order'd that a General Letter be prepared to the present Deputy Governour and Council acquainting them of Our Honble Master's Appointment of Mr. Clive to be Deputy Governour, and directing them on his arrival to receive him with the usual Honours and that Mr. Starke having deliver'd over to him the charge of the Settlement may come up hither to take his seat at the Bench when it suits his Conveniency.

AGREED that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

Advances To Sunca Ramah & ca. Merchts.

To Sunca Vencata Ramah & Ambaltaddy Chittee Five thousand (5000) Pagodas on account of the Investment.

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To Tellisinga Chittee &c^a^. Merchants Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas on Account of the investment. Tellesinga Chittee &c^a^. Merchts.

To Linga Chitty and Servannah Chittee Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas on Account of the Investment. Linga Chittee & Servanah Chittee.

AGREED that ten thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees be sold Linga Chitty and Servannah Chittee at the rate of Three hundred and sixty six Rupees for One hundred Pagodas being Arcot Rupees Thirty six Thousand six hundred. Rup^s^. sold.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
A^R^. WYNCH.
WILL^M^. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^S^. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HON~BLE~ GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & COUNCIL OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS,

Having taken in the Tonnage of Salt Petre allowed by the Ship Delawar's Charter Party hope your Honours will indulge me with twenty or thirty Tons more on half Freight; your compliance with this Request will Oblige.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obed^t^. Servt.
THO^S^. WINTER.

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TO THE HON~BLE~ GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R^. OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE
&C^A^. COUNCIL.

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS,

Having Survey'd all the Old Arms Accoutrements and Utensils in the Military Storehouse, agreeable to the Order We received from your Honour &c^a^. We now lay before You a List of them specifying their present Condition, and Remain with Respect,

HON~BLE~ SIR & SIRS,
Your most Obedient Servants,
CH^S^. BOURCHIER.
J. F. PASCHOUD.
W. JENNINGS.

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15TH. JUNE 1756.

A SURVEY OF SMALL ARMS MADE AT FORT ST. GEORGE THE 11TH JUNE 1756.

FORT S~T~. GEORGE small Arms.	English Musquets	Repairable	103
	D^o^.	Unserviceable	97
	French	Repairable	33
	D^o^.	Unserviceable	7
	Carbine & Buccaneer Pieces	Unserviceable	44[illegible]
	Pistols	D^o^.	8

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NABOB'S from Arcot small Arms	English Musquets	Unserviceable	145
	French	Unserviceable	92
	Carbine & Buccaneer Pieces	Unserviceable ..	213
	Iron Blunder Busses ..	Unserviceable	2
	Match Locks	Unserviceable	42
FROM NEGRAIS small Arms.	English Musquets	Unserviceable	56
	French	D°.	4
	Carbine & Fuzees	D°.	13
	Pistols	D°.	4
	Brass Musquettoon	D°.	1
	Bayonets without scabbards	D°.	63

STORES OF KINDS.

Spades	Unserviceable	11
Shovels	D°.	2
Copper Ladles 3 Pounders	D°.	2
Hand saw	D°.	1
Melting Ladles	D°.	2
Dipping d°.	D°.	1
Powder Horns	D°.	13
Leather Bucket	D°.	1
Officers Tent	D°.	1
Gunny Bags	D°.	54
Tarpaulins large	D°.	3
Beek Iron	D°.	1
Standing vice	D°.	1
Hand Vice	D°.	1
Tiles of sorts	D°.	78
Spunges	D°.	11
Wad Hooks	D°.	7
Swords	D°.	7

Cartouche Boxes which were receiv'd from Bombay with the Detachment Unserviceable 634

CH^s. BOURCHIER.
J. F. PASCHOUD.
W. JENNINGS.

TO THE HON^BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^A. COUNCIL
OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

HON^BLE SIR & SIRS,

Para. 1. . . The Accounts of the several Employs of this Settlement for January & February. We have inspected Viz^t.

EXPORT WAREHOUSE.
IMPORT WAREHOUSE.
SEA CUSTOMS.
LAND CUSTOMS.
MINT.
TREASURY.
CASH.
PAYMASTER'S
MILITARY PAYMASTER'S
STOREHOUSE.
MILITARY STOREHOUSE.
ENGINEERS &
COMMISSARY GENERAL'S

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2. . . With regard to the Engineer's having compared them with the Paymaster's, We find several variations between them by their inserting the same Articles under different Heads and often bringing them to Account in different Months which might be easily remedied & should be for the more ready scrutinizing and comparing the two Accounts.

3. . . We must observe that the Engineer's Accounts are regular and exact, and We recommended that the Paymaster should carefully observe to make his correspondent [*sic*] with Y^m^.

4. . . The Pay and Salary to Mr. Brohier and Assistants should be brought under Charges General in both Accounts. The Engineer omits to insert the Pay of forty Peons employ'd on the Works, and brings the Pay of 12 Conicoplies employ'd under him to account under several Heads As they are fixed Servants, they had better be charged at once under Charges General as the Paymaster has done.

5. . . In the Engineers Accounts, We find two Charges, One for making Military Stores and another for repairing Military Stores, which are taken no notice of by the Paymaster who proposes adjusting those Accounts with the Military Storekeeper at the end of the Year, and at present only keeps memorandums of the Disbursements on that Account. The most regular method We think would be for the Paymaster to Debt the two Heads made use of by the Engineer for all Money advanced on Account the Military Storekeeper, who must make a correspondent Entry in his Books. When the Engineer delivers any Stores to the Military Storekeeper, the Engineer should value them, and the Military Storekeeper credit those Heads accordingly.

6. . . We find no Materials of Buildings pulled down have been brought on the Company's Books, excepting those of the Portuguese Church. On discoursing with the Engineer on this Subject, he tells Us that all such Materials were worked up in the new Buildings and not charged for. As this is very irregular and leaves an opening for abuses, it should be remedied, and all old Materials be valued and put under the charge of the Storekeeper, or some other Officer appointed for the purpose.

7. . . The Books kept by the Engineer are a monthly general account of charge of Workmen & Materials on the several Buildings &c^a^. and an Account of Materials expended, exhibited in Collumn's with an Abstract of the whole at the Years end. We think there should be likewise an Annual abstract of Receits of Materials in order to adjust with the Abstract of Issues, also a Monthly abstract of receits of Materials is necessary to be collated with the Storekeeper's & Paymaster's Accounts.

8. . . We must observe that the Engineers People receive all Materials, and have the applying them on the several Works, in which they are sufficiently Checked; If it would be attended with no inconvenience to the dispatch of Business, the Paymaster might be a proper Person to dispose of the Materials in the manner pointed out by the Engineer and then the latter would be a proper and sufficient check on the former.

9. . . We have likewise examin'd the Commissary Generals Accounts to Ultimo November, no further being brought up for want of the Trichinopoly Accounts for December and January.

10. . . With respect to the other Accounts of this Settlement, We have nothing particular to remark & give it as our Opinion that the Home Accounts in general are fit to be passed.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs,
Your most Obedient hum. Servants,

Fort S^t^. George,
15th. May 1756.

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
Alexander Wynch.
John Walsh.
James Alexander.
James Bourchier.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Para 1. . . This Report contains our Observations on the Accounts of the Southern Settlements.

1st. Fort St. David

2d. . . We have looked over the several Accounts forwarded from thence for the months of July, August September October November December January and February, together with the Reports of the Fort St. David Committee of Accounts Dated 25th. January & 2d. 17th. & 22d. March. We will offer You our Remarks in the Order of the Accounts.

Cash Account.

3. . . They still blend Rupees and Pagodas in the same Account. Two distinct Cash Accounts should be kept one of Rupees and the other of Pagodas, the latter to be exactly on the Madras Plan with double setts of Collumns a Form should be transmitted them for that purpose. The Rupee Account must likewise have double setts of Collumns, the inner expressing the number of Rupees, and the outer their value in Pagodas at the exchange the several Receits and Payments shall be made.

4. . . The Issues of Rupees at St. David are principally to the Military Paymaster for paying the Seapoys in the Service of the Nabob, who is debted for these at the rate of 350 ₱ 100 Pagodas, which is a great over Charge. The Military Paymaster might draw Monthly on the Cash keeper for the exact Sum of Rupees necessary for paying the Seapoys, and which may be carried to the Nabob's Debit at the exchange of the Day. This method will keep the Military Paymaster's Account clear, & at the same time do justice to the Nabob. Supplies to Rupees to the Commissary in Camp where Disbursement in that specie are entirely on Account of the Nabob must be likewise brought to Account at the Exchange of the Day, but supplies to DeveCotah may be still carried off at 350 as regular Books are kept at that Place, and the difference of Batta may be there taken notice of.

5. . . The small Errors discover'd by the Fort St. David Committee in their Cash Account, if not already rectified should be directed to be done.

Export Warehouse.

6. . . In a former Report We referr'd to Your Honour &ca. consideration, whether the Package of Bales should not be undertaken at a fixed rate as practised here, and the Retail of Packing Stuff discontinued.

7. . . In the Sale of Rice it is not expressed how much was received in Pagodas and how much in Fanams. It should be recommended to every Office to shew this particular in their Accounts in the clearest manner, and that the Monthly Abstract of Cash usually annexed to their Accounts be kept in doubts setts of Collumns as observed at Fort St. George, for which purpose the Form should be sent them.

Import Warehouse.

8. . . We have nothing particular to remark of this Employ.

Storehouse Civil & Military.

9. . . We have already represented that it is impossible for Us to Judge whether the several Disbursements made in these Offices are absolutely necessary or whether the Stores provided are at reasonable prices. The Deputy Governour & Council, or their Committee of Accounts must be the best and

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only Judges by being on the Spot and therefore may be directed to make a constant Scrutiny into the matter and correct whatever they find a miss, Whether the List of Prices of Sores at Fort St. George mention'd by the Fort St. David Committee be necessary to be sent them your Honour &ca. will determine. We shall only observe that Stores purchased here are for the most part at variable prices, and the Gentlemen at St. David should always be carefull that theirs are provided at the lowest Rates their Market will admit.

10. . . None of either the Military or Civil Storekeeper's Accounts are Sign'd before November, They have both open'd Diaries in November As it is proposed that their new Books shall be exactly on the Madras Plan one Month's Journal Parcels should be transmitted them from hence for their guidance.

11. . . The Observations of the Fort St. David Committee with regard to the Drafts for Pay for the Train and Military Pickets, reduction of Artificers, extraordinary consumption of Stationary by the Military, extravagant Indents for Wax Cloth and the Adjutant's Monthly draught for Stores exceeding his expence, should be taken into particular consideration by the Deputy Governour & Council, and the necessary regulations made.

PAYMASTER CIVIL.

12. . . The several Regulations in his Employ proposed by the St. David Committee seem highly proper to be put in force. The Points offer'd to the consideration of the Deputy Governour & Council should be dismissed by them and determined.

13. . . It should be recommended to the St. David Council to inspect always these Accounts with great attention in order to prevent all immoderate & unnecessary Expence.

14. . . With regard to the St. David Committee's enquiry concerning the Tappys, We find they are Stationed at 12 Stages, and that only one Stage is paid for at this Place.

PAYMASTER MILITARY.

15. . . The Stewards charge for feeding 27 Bullocks in Camp, is order'd to be struck off. It's perhaps intended that it should appear in the Accounts of the Commissary at Camp, which is certainly the proper Place for it, but enquiry should have been made if the Stewards charge is just or extravagant.

ENGINEER.

16. . . He has hitherto transmitted no Accounts but should be divided to keep the same as the Engineer of Fort St. George Vizt.

17. . . A General Account of Charges both of Materials & Workmen on the several Works to be drawn up Monthly and transmitted.

18. . . An Account of Materials expended exhibited in collumns, with an Abstract of the whole at the Year's end to be transmitted Annually.

19. . . He should likewise be required, as well as the Engineer here, to deliver in a Monthly Abstract of Materials receiv'd with the general Annual one at the Years end.

20. . . If the Engineer at St. David receives all Materials, and his People have the entire applying them without the necessary Checks, some regulations are necessary to prevent abuses.

SEA & LAND CUSTOMERS OF CUDDALORE & TEVENEPATAM.

21. . . Nothing material occurs to Us in these Accounts.

2dly DEVECOTAH.

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22. . . In October and November the Settlement was under the charge of the late Chief for which reason the Accounts of those Months are left to be consider'd at the time when that Gentleman's transactions in general shall be enquir'd into. We shall only observe that a considerable reform is begun in the last Month.

23. . . We have examined the Accounts for December January and February during the Management of the Supravisor, & are glad to find the extravagancies We pointed out in former Accounts so well put a stop to The Expence now is clearly shewn whether it arose in Pagodas or Fanams, so as effectually to prevent all private appropriating of Battas, but there still required to be inserted in an outer Collumn the valuation of the Fanams at the rate of 36 to the Pagoda in order to the regular posting of the Journal Entries into the Ledger.

24. . . A Cash Account in Rupees distinct from their Cash Account in Pagodas is necessary to be kept here in the manner recommended for St. David and Forms of both should be sent thither for that purpose. The Payment to Seapoys in the Nabob's Service, is here likewise made in Rupees cast up at 350 ℔ 100 Pagodas and requires the same Regulation as at St. David. The Form of the Cash Account in Pagodas to be transmitted them, should particularly shew the manner of bringing to Account the Purchase of Fanams.

25. . . These are all the remarks that occur to Us with respect to the Accounts of the Southern Settlements.

We have the honour to be

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obedt. humble. Servts.

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Walsh.
James Alexander.
James Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
15 May 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs,

1. . . We now lay before You our Remarks on the Accounts of the Northern Settlements for the Months of October November December January and February.

1st. Vizagapatam.

2. . . The irregularities with regard to the method of those Accounts which were represented in a former Report still subsist. No Journal Parcels are transmitted; Cash Accounts and Paymasters Accounts being the only Accounts they send up.

3. . . In the Cash Account Rupees and Pagodas are blended together. They should keep their Rupee Account separate from their Pagoda Account, observing in the former to carry into an outer Collumn the value of the Rupees according to the Exchange they are receiv'd or Issued at.

4. . . For want of a sufficiency of Pagodas Rupees have been constantly changed away for Pagodas at the rate of Four hundred Rupees ℔ One hundred Pagodas with a remark in the account that the Rupees are to be replaced as soon as they get Pagodas. We find on Ballancing the Receits & Payments

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that have arose in this manner from 1st. May to Ultimo February that there is the sum of 46232 Arcot Rupees remaining to be replaced. For want of the Journal Parcels We are quite at a loss to know how their Cash Account is Journalized but by their blending both Pagodas & Rupees under one general Head of Cash, the above circumstances cannot appear on the Ballance of their Books, and should there be any advantage in the exchange, it may be appropriated by the Cashkeepr without discovery.

5. . . The Military of Vizagapatam are paid in Rupees at the rate of 2 f 4 sh. ℘ Rupee this compared with the Pay of the Military at Fort St. George Vizt. 8 ℘ Pagoda turns out at the rate of 343 Rupees ℘ 100 Current Pagodas. Your honour &ca. can best determine if the Military there are paid at a due Exchange.

6. . . We have already represented the necessity of putting the Vizagapatam Books on a new Plan. As the currency of that Place is Rupees the readiest and best method that Occurs to Us for their Accounts to be all kept in that Specie, which will obviate the numberless perplexities occasion'd by the various exchanges now in use, the mention of which will be sufficient to convey the strongest Ideas of the confusion & uncertainty of their Accounts.

Rupees Issud to the Paymaster are reckon'd @ 300 ℘ 100 Pagodas.

Receiv'd for Wares & Stores sold	@ 315
Receiv'd from Fort St. George	@ 350
Issued to the Merchants	@ 380
Exchanged for Pagodas	@ 400

7. . . The Paymasters Account which is the most considerable, is already kept in Rupees, and the chief use they have for Pagodas is for their Southern Investment which can give no impediment to the keeping their Accounts in Rupees. The Exchange may be fixed, perhaps 400 Rupees ℘ 100 Madras Pagodas may be found both a convenient and reasonable Exchange.

2dly. INGERAM.

8. . . The Pay of the Military here is reduced into Rupees in the same manner as at Vizagapatam @ 2. 4. ℘ Rupee, but then the Rupees are brought into Madras Pagodas at the rate of 350 ℘ 100 Pagodas, by which means £100 Sterling turns out to them Madras Pagodas 245 instead of Madras Pagodas 227 which it would only yield them at Fort St. George. As the Currency of Ingeram is Madras Pagodas, the Military Pay should of right be computed as at Fort St. George, deducting 10 ℘ Cent Batta to reduce the Madras Pagodas into Current.

9. . . The Pay of Seapoys is likewise cast up in Rupees, and those brought into Madras Pagodas at 350. One hundred Madras Pagodas by a moderate estimation will produce 400 Rupees, the reason therefore of such an overcharge requires to be explain'd.

10. . . Beside the above, We find a monthly charge of about 10 Pagodas, for loss in exchange by paying the Military & Seapoys in Dubs. This indulgence perhaps may be deem'd not improper, where small money would otherwise be difficult for them to procure.

11. . . In November and December Cloathing 3 Recruits is charged for, & in October cloathing a Seapoy, which wants an explanation.

12. . . In February under the Head of Charges Merchandize there is an extraordinary Freight of 60 Pagodas charged for few Wares & Stores sent thither ℘ Nancy & Don Carlos it turns out near 15 ℘ Cent on their Invoices.

3dly. MADDAPOLLAM.

13. . . The Pay of Military & Seapoys there is computed just in the same manner as at Ingeram and the Regulation may be the same as the Maddapollam Currency is also Madras Pagodas.

* Dub—A small copper coin, Hobson—Jobson, page 327,

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14 . . Of the Accounts of this Settlement We must recommend in general that they be drawn out more circumstantially. In February Cash is Debted to Paddy Pagodas 120 and to General Stores Pagodas 19 without further particulars of any kind.

We are with Respect
Hoñble Sir & Sirs,
Your most obed[t]. hum. Serv[ts].

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
John Walsh.
James Alexander.
James Bourchier.

Fort S[t]. George,
15th. May 1756.

To the Hoñble George Pigot Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council
of Fort S[t]. George.

Hoñble Sir & Sirs

1. . . We have examined the Accounts of the Out Garrisons, Camp and Commissary from primo October to Ultimo February, excepting the Trichinopoly Accounts for December and January, which were transmitted hither, but by some accident have been mislaid and cannot be found. Your Honour &c[a]. will therefore please to direct the Commanding Officer of that place to send up second Copies of them.

2. . . With respect to the Disbursements at the Out Garrisons, We have already represented in a former Report that they are not duely check'd. From the Character of the present Commanding Officers We have no room to doubt the justness of their Accounts, but it is wholly on their integrity that We are to rely, for great abuses might be practised in their Circumstances without a possibility of our detecting them in the present method of their Accounts. We must therefore recommend to Your Honour &c[a]. to consider of the most effectual means of remedying this Defect.

3. . . Many Articles of expence are still brought to Account in an abridged manner, Orders should be given that the particulars of every charge be expressed.

4. . . At Chingleput several small Disbursements are made in Pagodas, which breeds confusion in those Accounts and often occasions a Ballance of Cash on each side of the Account Current. The Commanding Officer should be directed to make his Disbursements in the Rupees only excepting the pay of the Europeans Military, which is hardly necessary to appear in his Accounts as the exact sum is always drawn for on the Military Paymaster here, who brings it to Account with the necessary particulars.

5. . . The Commandant of Arcot has transmitted an Account of the expence of repairing and fortifying that Fort for which the Nabob furnishes Money. We would recommend to Your Honour &c[a]. consideration whether every Commandant should not send up in the same manner Monthly Accounts

of all his Disbursements on behalf of the Nabob in order to their being examined and every extraordinary charge corrected. We think it would not be improper to have them countersign'd by the Nabob's Killedar.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs,

Your most Obed hum Servts.

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
James Alexander.
John Walsh.
James Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
15th. May 1756.

Sail'd ship Isaac Galley, Abdullah Chalee for Bengal. 17.

Arriv'd the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon, Assem Condou from Ft. St. David. 18.

Sail'd Ship Prince Henry of Prussia, Mathew Clinkaart for Bengal. ...

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandermalanka dated the [*Lacuna*] Instant. —

Do. by Tappies General Letter from Deve Cotah dated 15th. Instant. —

Sent by Tappies Genral Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. —

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 16th. Instant. 19.

Do. Fort St. David 17 do.

Sail'd ship Sta. Catherina Juan Ribeiro for Macao. 20.

Sign'd General Letter of this date to Bombay to go by the Orixa.

At a Consultation.

Present

Monday the 21st.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 17th. Instant read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Bandarmalanka.

No. 77 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the [*Lacuna*] Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 11th. May and enclosing his Accounts for last Month, and acquainting Us That should the Enemy attempt any thing he shall make the best stand he is able, but he does not imagine they will, till they are sure of success and before then they must be Masters of all the Roads, which will put it out of his power to send us any advice, as the place is enclos'd by the River on one side & thick Woods & Muddy Creeks on the other so that there is no coming to it but by the four common passages. Should We therefore think proper to allow him to raise a Battery at each of those Passages it would greatly strengthen him, That in

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case of danger he shall have a Vessell in Readiness to secure the Companys Effects. That in consequence of our Letter of the 30th. March he had contracted with some indisputable People for seven hundred (700) Bales of Cloth, and promised them a large and speedy supply of Money in hopes he should have been enabled to fulfil it soon. That when he spoke of the safety of Bandarmalanka compared with that of Palicol it was at a time when he was under no apprehensions of a War. That having continued to provide the Midling Cloths, he should be glad to be advised soon whether We will comply with the former prices as he is under Contract with the Merchants for it, and the Loss would fall heavy on him. That if the prices are lower at Vizagapatam, it must be consider'd that the Necessaries of Life are at least Fifty (50) ℔ Cent cheaper there than at Bandarmalanka, which must in proportion affect all Manufactures, besides he has Reason to believe that the fine Cloths provided that way areinferior to those made about Bandarmalanka. Cloth on hand

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From DeveCotah.

No. 78 & 79 From Mr. Dawsonne Drake Provisional Chief at DeveCotah, The first dated the 15th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 9th. and in consequence whereof he acquaints us he shall open a sett of Books so soon as We return him the Account Remains Mr. Smith carried with him. adjusted under proper heads with the Prices. That he shall send his Monthly Accounts as soon as We furnish him with those, which Mr. Smith carried to regulate agreeable to those at the Presidency, And that two of the Military being willing to renew their contract provided they are enter'd into the Train, he waits our Orders thereon. The other dated the 16th. serving only to enclose an Indent for Hospital Cloathing.

From Fort St. David.

No. 80 From Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 17th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of ours of the 11th., and enclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for seventy Bales and sundries laden on the Dragon Sloop, as also Invoice of Thirteen Six Pounders sent ℔ Success Galley, and acquainting Us That in a few days they shall have Thirty (30) Bales more which shall be sent by the first Conveyance, And that in three or four days they hope to acquaint us with the Result of their Endeavours in consequence of our Orders about Indigo.

St. David Indents to be complied with. Timber to be sent ℔ Dragon.

Order'd that Fort St. David Indents for Stores Civil and Military be complied with as soon as the Articles can be procured, many of which are expected from Europe, that such of them as can be got ready particular [*sic*] the Timber, be sent on the Dragon Sloop, now lying in the Road.

Letter to DeveCotah.

Agreed that the Indent for Hospital Cloathing receiv'd from DeveCotah be sent to Fort St. David with directions to the Gentlemen there to comply with it & That a General Letter be wrote to Mr. Drake at DeveCotah acquainting him of this resolution and that in regard to the two Men whose times are expired, if the Commandant can recommend them as proper Men for the Train they may be re-listed and draughted for that Service but not otherwise.

Stores at Devecotah as ℔ Account Remg. to be valued.

Order'd that the stores remaining at DeveCotah particularized in an Account Remains brought up from thence by Mr. Smith be valued by Mr. Smith and the Military Storkeeper, in order to their being brought on the Books which have been ordered to be open'd at that Settlement.

Letters to Bandarmalanka to keep a Vessell ready. No new Works.

Agreed to write to Mr. Andrews at Bandarmalanka that in case of War with France, or if they should comit Hostility's We approve of his keeping a Vessell ready to convey off the Company's Effects, but that We by no means Consent to the erecting the Batterys he mentions or any other New Works.

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Letter from Mr. Charles Hopkins dated the 19th. Instant, being his Answer to the Charge sent him the 25th. Ultimo read, ORDER'D that it be deliver'd to Mr. Smith who is directed to lay before the Board the proofs in Support of the Charge.

Mr. Hopkins answer to the Charge. Mr Smith to produce Proofs.

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to Order of Consultation the 9th. Instant, the Fort St. David Merchants Cawn Moodelair and Tenneveroy Pillah have deliver'd to him the Lists of the Debts due to them which are now produced and that Cawn Moodelair has also deliver'd him a Petition which is read as enter'd hereafter praying to be continued as a Companys Merchant at Fort St. David and promising that for every Advance made him of Ten thousand Pagodas he will bring in Good Cloth to the value of Eleven thousand Pagodas by which means he hopes to clear off his Debt to the Company in about two Years.

List of Debts due to Cawn Moodelair & Tenneveroy. Petition of Cawn Moodelair.

In regard to the Petition of Cawn Moodelair the Board do not think proper to comply with it not judging him a Man sufficiently responsible at present. And as to the Lists of Debts AGREED that they be sent to the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David with a Recommendation to them to assist the Creditors as far as is Consistent with equity in collecting in the Sums due to them, and the President is desired to do the same with respect to such Debts as are due at this Settlement.

Rejected. To be assisted at St. David & here in Collecting in their dues.

The Military Storekeeper lays before the Board a Return of a Quarter Master Stores lately sent to Camp and acquaints the Board that there is a deficiency of seventy Flints and seven Bayonet Belts and Frogs, which he is not able to discover, there being no proper person appointed to receive the Stores out of the Storehouse ORDER'D that the Quarter Master when in Garrison and in his absence the Quarter Master Serjeant do receive & Certify the particulars of all Stores Issued to be sent to Camp or the out Garrisons.

Orders touching the Issuing of Military Stores for the out Garrison.

There being three Chests of Coral on board the Delawar as appears by the Manifest Consign'd to Messrs. Manningham & Frankland at Bengal, ORDER'D that they be landed and deposited in the Import Warehouse untill an opportunity offers of forwarding them agreeable to the Company's Orders in the 19th. Paragraph of their General Letter dated 10th. October 1755.

Three Chests of Coral ₽ Delawar for Bengal to be landed & forwarded.

The President acquaints the Board that the King of Tanjours Vackeel is in want of a little money for his Expences, the King his Master having omitted to make him any Remittances lately, AGREED that two hundred (200) Pagodas be advanced him and charged to the Account of the Annual Present due to the King of Tanjour for DeveCotah.

200 Pagodas to be advanced the King of Tanjores Vackeel.

The President reports from the Secret Committee that the said Committee having Contracted with Messrs. Orme and Smith late Renters of DevaCotah for Fifty Garse of Paddy to be delivered at DeveCotah at the rate of sixty Pagodas ₽ Garse, the said Committee is advised by Letters from the Chief of that Settlement that the said Paddy has been deliver'd to him accordingly.

Paddy deliver'd at Deve Cotah to be paid for.

ORDER'D the amount thereof being Three thousand Pagodas be paid to the said Renters.

Messrs. Orme and Smith late Renters of DeveCotah pay in Two thousand One hundred (2100) Pagodas in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. Ultimo at which time their Cowle expired.

Rents paid in Viz., For DeveCotah.

Poombavay Vellapah, Renter of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans pays in three hundred and Fifty seven Pagodas Eighteen fanams (357. 18.) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant.

For Paddy Fields & Salt Pans.

Pery Woodundy Renter of the Companys Old Garden pays in One hundred and twenty Pagodas (120) in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant.

Company's old Garden.

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Board meet tomorrow to consider of sundry Cowles.

Tomorrow being the day appointed for putting up at Outcry the Cowles for the Poonamallee Country, Trevenduporum Bounds and the Ruby Brokerage.

AGREED that the Board do meet tomorrow morning to Consider whether any and what New Clauses are proper to be added to the Cowles.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&C. &C. COUNCIL.

The Petition of Cawn Modellair Company's Merchant of Fort St. David

SHEWETH

That on a difference between your Petitioner and his Partner Tenneveroy, Cloth was not duely brought into the Company and as your Honour &c. has been pleas'd now to settle it, Your Petitioner humbly crave your Honour &c. will take into Consideration the large Sums due from the Weavers and Merchants for advances made them Account the Investment, as will appear by the accompanying List; wherefore most earnestly entreat your Honour &c will please to Continue your Petitioner as a Companys Merchant at Fort St. David and that an advance of Ten thousand Pagodas be made each time, your Petitioner bringing to the Company good Cloth to the Amount of that Sum and one Thousand Pagodas towards his Debts which makes Eleven Thousand Pagodas, when another advance of Ten Thousand Pagodas is to be made, and no Sums to be given untill your Petitioner pays in Cloth Eleven Thousand for every Ten thousand to receive, at which rate your Petitioner hopes to clear his Account with the Company in two years or there abouts your Honour &c. Goodness herein will not only be a means for your Petitioner recovering his Outstanding Debts but be enabled thereby to discharge his own debt to the Company, which Gracious Act will ever bind your Petitioner as in Duty bound to Pray.

22 Sail'd Ship Orixa, William Roberts, for Bombay.

AT A CONSULTATION
Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

TUESDAY THE 22D.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

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General resolution in regard to purchase of Cowles.

The Board being met pursuant to yesterdays Adjournment to Consider of the terms of the Cowles to be put up at Outcry this day, it is previously RESOLV'D with Respect to all Cowles that whosoever shall be declared the highest

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Bidder at the Sea Gate do or before the expiration of the next day propose to the Board sufficient or the best security he can procure for the Payment of the Rent and performance of Covenants, and it is further RESOLV'D that in case the Board should not approve of such proposed security that the Cowle be again put up at Outcry with this Condition, that the highest Bidder at such second Sale do likewise on or before the expiration of the next day propose his Security to the Board and that in Case the Board should not approve of such Security the Cowle shall be again put up at Outcry and in case it should not then let for so much as at the Second Sale, the highest Bidder at such Second Sale shall be answerable to the Company for all the difference. The Cowles to be put up this day being then consider'd RESOLV'D that the following Clauses be added to the Cowle for the

POONAMALLEE COUNTRY.

That no Arrack shall be sold in the Poonamallee Districts within Six Miles of this Town. Clauses for the Poonamallee Cowle.

That the Renter shall not collect or receive any Duties on Chints painted at Sydapetta or on Cloth made there for Chints painting but That all such Cloth and Chints be brought in and pay the Companys Land Customs here.

That the Renter shall deliver into the Companys Warehouses here before the expiration of the Month of March Fifty Garse of the best Paddy of the January Crop at the rate of Thirty Pagodas ₰ Garse.

And that in every other Respect the Cowle be on the same terms as the last

ORDER'D That the Secretary bid for the Company as far as Forty eight Thousand (48,000) Pagodas. Secretary to bid for the Company.

TREVENDUPORUM.

That the Renter deliver into the Company's Warehouses at Fort St. David before the Expiration of the month of March Fifty Garse of the best Paddy of the January Crop at the rate of Thirty Pagodas ₰ Garse. Clause for the Trevenduporum Cowle.

And that the Cowle in all other respects be the same as the last.

ORDER'D that the Secretary bid for the Company as far as Six Thousand (6000) Pagodas. Secretary to bid.

RUBY BROKERAGE.

That this Cowle be put on the same terms as the last. Cowle for the Ruby Brokerage.

The Board then adjourned to the Sea Gate to put up the Cowles at Outcry.

AT THE SEA GATE.

The Cowle for the Cowles let at Outcry.

POONAMALLEE COUNTRY & JAGUIER.

being put up for One year to commence the 1st. day of July next is cry'd down to the highest bidder, Numboor Vencata Soubiah the former Renter at Fifty One thousand six hundred and Fifty Pagodas (51,650). This Farm let last Year for Fifty two Thousand four hundred (52400) Pagodas. Poonamallee.

The Cowle for the Trevenduporum.

TREVENDUPORUM COUNTRY.

being put up for One Year to Commence the 12th. day of July next is cry'd down to Linga Chitty the highest Bidder for Six thousand One hundred Pagodas (6100). This Farm let on the last Cowle for Eight Thousand Pagodas ₰ Annum for the term of five Years and eight Months being put up for One year

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The Cowle for the

RUBY BROKERAGE

Ruby Brokerage. to commence the 1st. day of July next is cry'd down to Linga Chittee the highest Bidder at Four Hundred and sixty five Pagodas (465). This Farm let last Year for Three hundred and five (305) Pagodas.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

22D. Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 6th. Instant & one from Bandarmalanka dated the 5th. Instant.

Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David and Deve Cotah, both dated this day.

23. Arriv'd Brigantine Tatabeel Shaick Hussain from Cochin.

24. Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Anjengo dated 31st. May, with a Packet for Bombay.

25. Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 23d. Instant.

26. Arriv'd Brigantine Three Brothers, Andrew Kerr, from Sadrass.

— Do. Ketch Good Hope Nathaniel Fletcher Bakewell from Fort St. David.

— Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day.

— Do. by Tappies do. . . . to Fort St. David dated this day.

27. Arriv'd the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore, George Baker from Negrais, with Mr. Henry Brooke late Chief, and two General Letters both dated 25th. April last.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY THE 28

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 21st. and 22d. Instant read & signed.

General Letters read from Ingeram.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 81 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 6th. May acknowledging the Receit of Our Letter accompanying a supply of Six thousand Pagodas, as also Mr. Edwards Report in reply to the Complaint of the Pagodas, and acquainting Us that he is sorry We should imagine he had not sufficiently explain'd himself, when he told Us the Pagodas were complain'd of as deficient in Touch, by which he meant that they were not of the true Standard and which he thought was the only meaning it could convey. That

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the Soukars and Merchants have assay'd the Pagodas and aver they are five ℔ cent worse. That he did not mean to have a fresh head open'd in the Books, when he desired the Servants might be put under the General Head of Servants Wages, there being already one of that Import. That the complaint of his Ordinary Cloth being inferior to that from Vizagapatam cannot be avoided for the Weavers being greater Gainers by the Manufacture of Fine Goods than by that of Ordinary, it cannot be expected they will pay that attention to the improvement of the latter in a Country where the fine is properly the Manufacture, as they do, where none but Ordinary is provided, which is the case of Vizagapatam, however he assures Us he shall do all in his power to improve that Branch of the Company's Business and hopes that his fine equall'd if not surpassed, that of Vizagapatam. That he agrees to Our price for the Package of White Bales tho from the present price of Wax he is afraid he shall be a looser. That Our Orders relating to the Cloathing Recruits have been communicated to the Officer. That by Accounts daily receiv'd from Metchlepatam the French are busy in Warlike preparations, and Mr. Bussy is expected at Rajahmundrum from Golcondah and that his Monthly Accounts are modelled agreeable to Our Instruction Cloth on hand L.C.O. Cor. 70. Ps. 6 L.C.M. Cor. 35. Ps. 3 L.C.F. Cor. 22. Ps. 10 in all 127 Corge 19 Pieces.

General Letter from Bandarmalka.

No. 82 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 5th. Instant, acknowledging the Receit of Our Letter of the 20th. May with the five thousand Madrass Pagodas which accompanied it, and acquainting Us that he has perused Mr. Edwards Letter which We enclosed, and is sorry that Gentleman should express himself with such warmth for so far from imagining the Coin was corrupted he sent his Vackeel to Peddipore, and all the Principal places to insist upon the goodness of it, and even threatened to whip any Banyan is [*sic*] his Districts who should refuse to take it, as to the redness he imagined it proceeded from the Allay [*sic*] but as to the touch he could not assay it, nor did he melt any tho' some did. That he should be sorry not to carry on the Company's Business as cheap as any other Persons, and therefore undertakes the Package of the White Bales at Our Price tho' he Pays for Wax there which is the Chief Article seventy seven Pagodas a Candy of four hundred and eighty Pound, and so soon as his Books are closed he shall give Us Credit for the Amount of the Goods for Packing remaining the 1st. May, and take the whole on his own Account, and that with regard to Our remarks on his Investment his utmost care shall not be wanting to improve the Manufactures and he thinks the Goods, now are better than they were three or four Years ago.

General Letters read.

From Anjengo.

No. 83 From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated the 31st. Ultimo, enclosing a Packet for Bombay to be forwarded with all Expedition, and acquainting Us that they have receiv'd no Advices from Us since the date of their last, and that Our Hon͠ble Master's ships Pelham and Duke of Dorset arrived there from Tellicherry the 28th. April, and sailed for Europe the 30th.

from Fort St. David.

No. 84 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour &c. Council at Fort St. David dated the 23d. Instant acquainting Us of the arrival there of Robert Clive Esqr. on the 22d., when agreeable to Our Orders of the 10th. he was receiv'd with the usual Honours, and Richard Starke Esqr. the late Deputy Governour deliver'd over to him charge of the Settlement who intends to proceed to the Presidency so soon as he can settle his private Affairs.

from Negaris

No. 85 From Mr. Henry Brooke late Chief at the Negrais, dated the 25th. April acquainting Us that Captain John Howes, whom We appointed to relieve him, arriv'd there the 12th. of that Month, when he receiv'd Our Letter of the 15th. March and agreeable to Our Orders they have taken as perfect an Inventory of the Honble Company's Effects on the Island, as time would allow, a Copy of

which interchangeably sign'd by him and Captain Howes he encloses, and that he has deliver'd to Captain Howes all the Papers and Accounts which relate to the Company's Affairs.

General Letter From Captn. John Howes Chief of Negrais.

No. 86 From Captain John Howes Chief at the Negrais dated the 25th. April acquainting Us that he arriv'd there the 12th. of that Month, that an exact Inventory of the Hoñble Company's Effects on the Island has been taken by Mr. Brooke and by him and interchangeably sign'd by them both And that Mr. Brooke had that day deliver'd over to him the charge of the Settlement after having given Sailing Orders to the Cuddalore sloop, on which he embarked on his return to Fort St. George.

Report of the state of Deve Cotah & Plan & Estimate of works there.

The President Reports from the Select Committee that Messrs. John Call and John Hume having been directed to Survey the Fort of Deve Cotah and to make their Report of its present condition as well as of the Repairs necessary to render it defensible, they have accordingly taken a survey and made a Report thereof to the Select Committee in a Letter which is now submitted to the consideration of the Board. The said Letter being read (as enter'd hereafter) it is the unanimous opinion that considering the importance of Deve Cotah in preserving the communication with the Southern Province it is of great consequence that it should be put in a State of Defence, and as the proposed Works appear well design'd for that purpose the whole Charge whereof is estimated at seven thousand Pagodas Agreed therefore that the Works proposed be carried on under the inspection of Mr. Hume as Engineer and that the Chief of Deve Cotah be directed to give all the Assistance he can in providing Materials and other necessaries, and that it be an instruction to the Engineer not to begin on the Ditch untill the other Works are well advanced.

Ordere'd to be repair'd &c.

Mr. Smith's reply to Mr. Hopkins Answer to the Charge against him.

Mr. Smith having been directed in Consultation the 21st. Instant to lay before the Board the Proofs in support of the Charge against Mr. Hopkins, he now delivers in a Letter address'd to the Board by way of Reply. The Charge against Mr. Hopkins enter'd after Consultation the 25th. Ultimo as well as his Answer dated 19th. June (which is enter'd hereafter) being first read, Mr. Smith's said Reply is then also read (as enter'd hereafter) on Consideration whereof and of the Proofs therein referr'd to, the Board are sufficiently Convinced that Mr. Smiths report is well grounded and that Mr. Hopkins has defrauded the Company of divers Sums of money which he has applied to his own use, but altho' the Circumstances are such as leave no room to doubt the Facts yet the Board are of Opinion that the proofs are not sufficient in Law to compel Mr. Hopkins to refund, however, suspending for the present their final Resolution, it is now Order'd that a Calculate be made and laid before the Board of the amount of the several sums charged in the 2d. 3d. 4th. 5th. 6th. 8th. 9th. and 14th. Articles of the Charge.

Calculate of Sundry overcharges to be made & laid before the Board.

Estimate of the Expence of erecting a Mill for grinding Chunnam &c. to be laid before the Board.

The Committee for supplying the Works &c. represent to the Board that the Engineer having proposed the erecting a Mill for Grinding Chunam as well as Bricks for Cement &c. instead of the present Method of beating those Articles with Pelongs on large sticks. By which they apprehend the same will be perform'd at a less Expence and with much greater Expedition. The Board approving the same, Order That an Estimate of the Expence of the said Mill be laid before them.

Deposit of money accepted from N. V. Soubiah as Security for the Poonamallee rent.

The President acquaints the Board that Numboor Vencatah Soubiah the highest Bidder for the Farm of the Poonamallee Country at the Sea Gate the 22d. Instant proposes to deposit Ten thousand Pagodas in the Company's Cash Chest as a Security for the payment of the Rent which the Board accept and a Cowle is Order'd to be drawn out.

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The President acquaints the Board that Coomerjee who was proposed and accepted as Security for Christnah Row Renter of Deve Cotah and Guntoor Vencatachilum Renter of S^t^. Thome now declines it, and that Linga Chitty offers to be security for the said Renters, Agreed that Linga Chittys Security be accepted.

Linga Chittee accepted as security for Christnah Row & G. Vencatachilum instead of Coomarjee.

Orderd that six Months, which become due the 1st. of next Month of the Pension of One Thousand (1000) Pagodas ꝑ Annum settled on the Widow and Brother of the late Killedar of Poonamallee agreeable to the Nabobs Saned, be paid them.

6 Months Pension to the Widow & Brother of the Killedar of Poonamallee to be paid.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Five thousand five hundred Fanams or [at the rate of thirty six (36) fanams ꝑ Pagoda] One hundred and Fifty two Pagodas Eighteen fanams (152–18–0) being the gain made this Month on the Exchange of One thousand Pagodas into Fanams at the rate of forty one fanams and forty Cash ꝑ Pagoda.

Gain on Exchange of Pagodas this Month paid in.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand Five Hundred Pagodas (1500) on his running Account.

Sea Custr. pays in Money.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Four thousand three hundred Pagodas (4300) on his running Account.

Do Impr W.Ho.Kr.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Three hundred and one Pagodas Thirty fanams and six Cash (301–30–6) for the May Ballance of that Account.

Do. Land Custr.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash, and the Treasury.

Advances to the

To the Commissary Twenty thousand (20000) Rupees and Three Thousand (3000) Pagodas.

Commissary.

To the Paymaster, seven thousand Five hundred (7500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster six Thousand (6000) Pagodas to pay the Military &c. Charges of that Employ.

Military Paymr.

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand (1000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ

Military Storekr.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President
& the other Gentlemen of the Select Committee.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Complyance with your Orders Communicated to us by the Deputy Governour of Fort St. David we proceeded as soon as possible to Deve Cotah, and immediately after our arrival apply'd to the Chief for a return of such stores as were then in the Garrison. While this return was preparing we took a survey of the Fort, and the Country adjacent, that we might in the meantime consider what could be done with the greatest Expedition, and least expence

for the immediate Defence of the place. During this consideration we were led to conclude that something might at the same time be added for its Security hereafter; by uniting the present with the future some advantages might ensue in point of Defence and Æconomy, And tho' such a provident consideration was not particularly recommended to us, yet as we conceive it not foreign to the purport of our Commissions we hope Your Honour &c. will pardon the freedom with which we shall express our Sentiments during the course of this Letter, and believe that our Whole view is to promote the good of the service we have the Honour to be employ'd in.

As the Importance of a Place to be fortified, or secured has the greatest weight in determining the nature of the Works for that purpose, we will for a while beg leave to suppose that the Fort of Deve Cotah is of the utmost Service in preserving our Communication between Trichinopoly, and the Settlements on the Coast; and that consequently when an Enemy has in View the Conquest of the Southern Provinces he will first endeavour to possess himself of Deve Cotah, as a Key to the rest. For should the French (whom in this Case we will suppose our Enemys) once get possession thereof, and at the same time possess Karikal, Chellumbrum, Porto Novo, Bonaguery, Verdachelum & Syringham, we cannot but conclude that all communication with Trichinopoly, except under Convoy of a large force must be cut off especially as there is great probability that the King of Tanjore will in these Circumstances be our Enemy, or at least observe a neutrality.

This is the light in which we regard Deve Cotah; and from hence do conclude that its preservation is of the greatest Consequence; How to effect it with that Æconomy which has been so strenuously recommended to us, we have Labour'd to determine, and for that purpose beg leave to lay before Your Honour &c. the Plan accompanying this Letter. For the better understanding of which it may not be unnecessary to promise that the Condition of the Fort is now nearly the same as described by M^r. Call in a Letter dated July the 21st. 1754. Its situation is naturally strong and the approach of an Enemy to a considerable Distance may be much impeded if not render'd impracticable by means of Breast Works thrown up at the most frequented passes, and a vigorous opposition made in Traversing the Woods & Rivers, which surround Deve Cotah on every side but that towards the Land and even there the approach is far from easy. The natural strength of its situation being once got the better of and Cannon brought to play on the Walls a large Breach may soon be made, and as there is no Ditch the beseiged must defend it almost on an equal footing with the Assailants. In this Case then, few would be so hardy or imprudent as to risque the sacraficing a Garrison to the fury of a victorous Enemy, when the most obstinate Resistance would scarce admit a probability of defending the place. It may perhaps be urged on the contrary, that tho' Deve Cotah in its present Condition is not capable of much Defence, yet if the Rampart was faced within; the exterior facing of the Curtains reduced to a proper height for Musquetry, the Towers cover'd with Parapets and Cannon mounted thereon; it might with a tolerable Garrison oblige an Enemy to lay some days before it, and thereby give time for Reinforcements to arrive which should oblige the beseigers to quit their enterprize. This we grant may be done at certain times of the Year, but as an Enemy will probably attempt the reduction of Deve Cotah when the Garrison is weak and our Troops otherwise employ'd, or when the southerly Monsoon will not admit of a Communication by Sea, we apprehend that little dependence can be had on the certainty of its being reliev'd, especially if the Enemy by possessing Chellumbrum, and Porto Novo, should cut off our Communication by Land. These and other Reflections of the same nature determin'd Us in favour of the Plan now laid before you in which we have at once endeavour'd to secure the place from a surprize and for an inconsiderable

expence (when compared with the sums usually expended on these occasions) hope to construct such Works as will require no small force to attack them; and by the Defence they will be capable of making, will oblige the Enemy who expects success, to bring with him several pieces of battering Cannon, to open Trenches to cover the approaches; and proceed with all the Caution necessary in a formal Siege; and even then the Success will be precarious, provided Deve Cotah has a Garrison of Two hundred Europeans and five hundred Seapoys with Provision & such Ammunition and Stores as we shall represent necessary.

Your Honour &c. will please to observe that the particular Design of this Plan is to carry a Rampart of (12) feet broad all round the Fort which will be faced with a thin Wall; to take down the Battlements of the old Curtains and form a Parapet proper for Musquetry; to raise Parapets of (6½) feet high round the Towers and peirce them with Embrasures; to surround the place with a Ditch of (6) feet deep which will communicate at each End with the River to fix Pallisadoes therein to prevent a surprise; to form a slight Glacis & Cover'd way; and lastly for the better Defence of the whole we have constructed two Counter Guards before the Towers G & L whose flanks will scour the three sides of the Fort most liable to be attacked, And to preserve these Counter guards from the violence of the Weather we propose to face them with a thin brick Wall laid in Chunam to the height of (7) feet above the Horizon, and thereon lay a stout Parapet of Earth which will be well faced and cover'd with Turf; Each of these Works will have Room for mounting ten Pieces of Cannon, but if they are furnished with six it will be sufficient. The rest of the Works will be well sloped of to avoid expence and nothing done in brick of the new Project but what is represented in the Plan & Profit by Yellow, At the south end of the Fort by the Rivers side will be made two Bridges over the Ditch and Barrier Gates fixed at the Ends thereof which being shut at night will close the Passage to the Fort on both sides, Sally Ports will be open'd under the Rampart at (a, b & c) and Ramps made at proper Distances for the Convenience of mounting Cannons. With these additions we conceive the place will be very defensible; but to remove every thing which may impede its Defence, as well as to make room for the intended Alterations it will be necessary to pull down the Huts which are built close under the Wall of the Fort towards the Land, and which by their Proximity are of Great Prejudice to the place, both by affording Cover to an Enemy or by being set on fire when the Wind blows from the Land, thereby favouring a surprize. These Huts it is highly necessary to remove and we imagine they might be rebuilt much more advantagiously within the Walls at least such part of them as are inhabited by Seapoys, Lascars, and Artificers employ'd by the Company, who by this means would be always at Hand when any sudden necessity required their Service. Two or three small Magazines will also be necessary in different parts of the Fort as marked in the Plan by the Letters (d, e & f) which by being thus distributed will be more convenient for furnishing the Works with ammunition and in Case of an Accident to either of them the place will not be left destitute. When three or four convenient Apartments for lodging Officers are added to what we have already mentioned, the place will then be render'd convenient in every Respect, and we cannot help remarking that had such Apartments been built at first the money which has been laid out at different times in patching up temporary Lodgings might have been saved & better employed on other occasions.

Thus Hoñble Sir & Sirs we have given you as concise an explanation as possible of what additions we think necessary for strengthening, and making convenient the Fort of Deve Cotah, but as we may probably have regarded it in a false light we submit the whole to your Judgment who best know the Importance of the place, & whether the Advantages from thence arising are adequate to an extraordinary expence of Pagodas seven thousand (7000) that is, exclusive of the Expence which will Monthly arise from Repairs and Jobbs of no great

Consequence. A Calculate we have subjoin'd hereto but cannot pretend to say the particulars are exact for want of a better knowledge of the ability of the Artificers, & price of the Materials, However upon the whole we are almost satisfied the Charge will not exceed the amount of the several Articles which follow :—

To facing the interior part of the Rampart	800
To taking down the Battlements, raising Parapets to the Towers, and new laying the Platforms	300
To repairing the foot of the exterior Wall which is petted away to a considarable depth by Age & the Salt Air ..	200
To digging the Ditch round the Fort	2000
To cutting, preparing, and fixing 5000 Pallisadoes of 8 feet long & from 5 to 6 Inches Diameter	250
To building two Counter guards @ 1000 Pagodas each ..	2000
To building three small Magazines @ 203 Pagodas @ ..	600
To building Apartments for Lodging four Officers	500
To contingent Charges	350
Pagodas ..	7000

We have only to add on this Subject that should Your Honour &c. think proper to fortify Deve Cotah either in the manner we have laid down or any other, we imagine many Artificers & others will be thereby induced to settle in the Bounds and live under the Protection of the English Flag; at least such is the discourse among the Inhabitants at present who discover great satisfaction from the hopes they conceive that the place is to receive some additions of strength.

The Artillery, Military and other small stores which are at Deve Cotah being distributed in such a manner as to require much longer time for a thorough Survey than we had to spare, we can now only send a Return of such as are most material towards the Defence of the place, but as soon as the rest are sorted and properly disposed Mr. Hume will transmit a farther Account of what is in Garrison and of what will be wanting.

In this Return your Honour &c. will please to observe that there are in this Garrison many Stores which were intended for the use of the Army or Trichinopoly & which are of no service here, but occupy such Room as might be better employ'd in stowing the Stores of this Garrison. We therefore are humbly of opinion that it would not be improper if Your Honour &c. gave orders for the removal of all unnecessary Stores to Fort St. David or Trichinopoly where they may be most wanted. We have only to remark that the Lascars, Bullocks & Boats which are mention'd in the Return are very necessary Articles and will be of great service in fetching Turf, Bricks, Piles, &c. if any Works are to be carried on at this Place, but more particularly so, when occasion shall require a Party to be sent out to any part of the Bounds. We are with the greatest Respect

Deve Cotah,
June 11th. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your Most Obedient
& most faithful Servants

John Call.
John Hume.

——*FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1756* ——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 30th. Ultimo at night I receiv'd a Letter from Mr. Secretary Du Pre' dated the 15th. advising that he had receivd Your directions to acquaint me, " that a Report of my Transactions at Deve Cotah during a part of the time I held the employ of Chief there having been laid before You by Mr. Smith as Supravisor of that Settlement, my Conduct in many instances appears unwarrantable and particularly in the following, amongst many others of less Note which are therefore not taken Notice of at this time ".

These I find are ranged in Eighteen Articles which in obedience to Your Commands I shall now reply to as briefly as the Nature of the thing will admit of, and to the best of my present Abilities, making no doubt of every kind allowance for the imperfections which may be discover'd in the performance.

The first Article contains a charge of having directed the Companys Conicoplies to burn and destroy their Cadjans, Can there be the least probability that those very Men who have been my accusers would at my Command (even supposing I had order'd it) burn those Cajans which were not only their Justification but my Conviction, and their destroying also what were of a Prior date to my Appointment to that Settlement, which could have no connection with my Transactions, is a circumstance which no doubt will give Your Honour &c. no very favourable impression either of their Honesty or Integrity, but on the contrary, give You great cause to doubt their Veracity even in the remaining Articles.

As the 2d. 3d. 4th. 5th. 6th. 7th. 8th. 9th. 13th. & 14th. Articles contain Accusations of the same kind I hope it will not be disagreeable to your Honour &c. that I presume to make one Answer to serve for all; and that is, Whatever Article has been overcharged, was without any design or even my knowledge and whatever mistakes or Errors have happen'd, resulted chiefly from my being render'd incapable by a lingering bad state of health, of Inspecting into the Conduct of my Servants, who made every advantage they could from it, and who were the only people I had to depend upon; and as to the exchange of Rupees, it was a mistake of the Conicoplies, which I had given directions to be rectified, but what part of the 12000 Rupees spoken of was exchanged at the rate of 320 ℔ % Pagodas has escaped my memory but which when adjusted, as it proceeded entirely, through the neglect of the Conicoplies I shall be ready and willing to reimburse.

In Answer to the 7th. Article Comrapah the head Conicoply of the Companys, came to me desiring I would grant him the liberty of going to Combiconnam feast, informing me at the same time that it was always customary, not only to comply with such request, but for the Honour of the Company, that he should be attended with some Seapoys, I therefore consented, as it was at a time of profound tranquility, believing it to be an indulgence usually shewn them and not ureasonable [*sic*], as it gives the Country people a proper Opinion of a Chief servant of the Company.

The 10th. Article contains circumstances that have been usual before my time Seapoys when not upon service, being often employ'd in other Capacities. The Pay Rolls were always brought to me ready drawn out, and sign'd by the Commandant for the time being, and therefore with submission I cannot think myself to blame, more especially as whenever my ill state of Health would permit me to see them musterd they appeared compleat, and if a Seapoy at other times was made use of as a Baker, Washerman, or Ironman (which I am totally

ignorant of) it must have been an imposition put upon me by the Conicoply; though supposing it was so if as I have abovesaid they were compleat I cannot see the harm of their acting in a double Capacity.

The 11th. Article is amply answer'd in what I have said to the 7th. and 10th.

In Answer to the 12 Article relating to Fanams I did write to Mr. Starke of the great want thereof and had I been supply'd from thence, this never would have been an Article against me, but He assured me there were not enough at St. David for their own purposes and his letter can be produced if Your Honour &c. require it.

If there were any Prohibitions laid upon Trade, or any Inhabitant oppress'd either in their Person or Property as set forth in the 15th. Article, it was so industriously kept from my knowledge that I was an utter stranger to it, having several times by beat of Tom Tom, done all I could to encourage a freedom of Trade and the Inhabitants to complain upon any ones presuming to Aggrieve them in that, or any other point; and had they ever Complain'd no Man would have been more ready to do them Justice.

In Answer to the 16th. Article, my sole reason was to relieve the necessities of the Poor, and this with no detriment to the Company, as the Farmers about Chially promised to replace it, and they would have comply'd with their promise had not the great Freshes prevented them, When I found myself in this distress, I applied to St. David, but without success. I dare believe Mr. Smith will do me the Justice to acknowledge, that I always intended, and endeavour'd to replace it, and I hope it is already or will be done in a short time, and that Your Honour &c. will not Interpret this in any other light, than what it was intended.

In Answer to the 17th. Article, I knew nothing of such practices, as therein specified but this I know that it is too often in the power of the Subadars and Conicoplies to connive at such irregularities, when the whole Advantage accruing from thence is their own, and the whole management must go through their hands and not in the power of the Chief or Commandant to prevent them, till it is found out through a disagreement amongst themselves; and give me leave to add, that the Gentleman sent to enquire into my Conduct too easily believ'd the many Charges brought against me, without ever permitting me to be present at any of his Examinations which would have enabled me to have Confronted the Evidence and made this my answer to Your Charge more Compleat; nor would those Evidences then have dared to lay so many Falsities at my door, and I should have enjoy'd a liberty, which though deny'd to me, yet on all other occasions, has been granted even to the worst of Criminals.

In regard to the 18th. Article, upon receiving the new Regulations from Your Honour &c. I immediately Publish'd them, and till I found it an Article of my Charge, never knew, but they were as strictly executed; but to my great concern their Villainy has been all of a piece, who after they themselves have made every advantage of it, load me, with all the Infamy.

Having thus reply'd to the several Articles of the Charge exhibited against me, to the best of my Abilities and Memory, there only remains to solicit of Your Honour &c. Permission to recommend to Your serious consideration, the great ease, with which either White or Black people (particularly the latter who govern themselves by very slender Tyes to either Truth or Confidence) may be prevail'd upon to accuse even their nearest Relations much more their Masters, of those unwarrantable actions they themselves have been the Authors of whenever it comes in Competition with their own safety and from the dread their minds are seized with thereby pretend to have receiv'd orders for so doing in hopes to escape the Punishment they know ought to fall upon them only, the

Evil consequences springing from such practices (if they are once either permitted or Countenanced) I need not point out to this Honble Board, as nothing can be more evident than the dangerous lengths it may be extended to, in destroying the most unspotted Innocence.

Upon the whole I do with all humble submission entirely Resign myself to whatever Determination You come to on the subject, and I flatter myself it will be attended with the utmost Candour & Humanity, more especially when You come seriously to Reflect, who my Accusers are. In the meantime permit me to subject myself with the greatest Respect

St. Thomas's Mount, Honble Sir & Sirs

19 June 1756. Your most Obet. & most obliged humble Servant

Charles Hopkins.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &c. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &c. having been pleased to direct me to lay before you the Proofs in support of the Charge against Mr. Hopkins, I beg leave to produce the most material of those on which I grounded my Report.

The first Charge against Mr. Hopkins is for Ordering the Cadjans to be burnt. To this Mr. Hopkins in answer only speaks of the improbability of such an Order from him, without denying it. The means by which it came to my knowledge, were by the Information of Comrapah and Narrain the Company's Conicoplies, Mr. Hopkins's own Conicoply Mootiah and Manoel Soares his Portugueze Writer. The Last upon Oath, whose Declaration No. 1 is hereunto annex'd for your Information.

Mr. Hopkins replies in one Paragraph to the 2d. 3d. 4th. 5th. 6th. 8th. 9th. 13th. and 14th. Articles of the Charge, by saying whatever Overcharges have been made, were without his knowledge. That such Overcharges were made and by his Direction will appear by Comrapah's Declaration hereunto annex'd No. 2.

The 7th. Article being a Charge against Mr. Hopkins for allowing the Company's Conicoply a large Escort of seapoys to Combiconnum Feast, Mr. Hopkins does not deny, and therefore it is not necessary to produce any Proofs. How far his Conduct may be justified remains with your Honour &c. to determine.

On Mr. Hopkins's Answer to the 10th. Article of the Charge wherein he asserts that the Seapoy Rolls were compleat and that if any servants &c. were enter'd on them it was without his knowledge, and even in that case they acted in a double Capacity. I have only to observe to your Honour &c. That Captain Spear acknowledged to me he had Mr. Hopkins's permission to charge his own servants who were not Seapoys; And that Mr. Hopkins own Washerman &c. were also charged will be proved by the Testimony of Comrapah the Company's Conicoply if Your Honour &c. think proper to call him before you.

Mr. Hopkins answers the 11th. Article of the Charge by referring to his Answer to the 7th. & 10th. Articles. That the Peons Rolls were incompleat, as is mention'd in my Report, the Declaration of the then Chief Peon at Deve Cotah will prove No. 3.

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How far Mr. Hopkins's Reasons in answer to the 12th. Article for not crediting the Company for Batta on Pagodas, may be deem'd satisfactory, is left to Your Honour &c. Judgment and require no Proofs from me.

Mr. Hopkins's Answer to the 15th. Article seems extraordinary, for in all my Enquiries I never had the least intimation that he ever beat the Tom Tom for the Encouragement of Trade, as he asserts, but on the contrary that he published an absolute Prohibition, in that manner as is set forth in my Report and the said 15th. Article of the Charge, the annexed Testimonies of the Mettoe Peons No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 afor'd an ample Proof, and therefore I beg leave to refer to them without farther Particulars.

In regard to the Company's Grain sold and not accounted for as charged in the 16th. Article Mr. Hopkins appeals to me for my opinion whether he did not mean to replace it On this I have only to observe to your Honour &c. that it is most natural to suppose he did intend it. Whether Mr. Hopkins would have done strict justice to the Company in only replacing the Grain instead of crediting them for it as sold, is a Point that your Honour &c. can best determine.

Th displacing of Seapoys by the Company's Conicopl ywith Corrupt Views is charged against Mr. Hopkins in the 17th. Article only as a neglect in suffering it and in not having sufficiently informed himself as the Chief of the Settlement of the Transaction relating to the Military. That Sepoys were displaced and Entrance money taken I have proofs ready to produce to your Honour &c. when required.

Mr. Hopkins's Answer to the 18th. Article being of the same kind with his Answer to the 17th. admits of the same Reply.

Mr. Hopkins's Complaint in Answer to the 17th. Article. That he was never permitted to be present at the Examination of the Witnesses, I must say in justification of my Conduct that I offer'd to call the Company's Conicoply and others before Mr. Hopkins that they might publickly declare what they knew relating to divers particulars of his Conduct, but he absolutely declin'd it. However, if Mr. Hopkins should now think it may be of service to him to have them re-examined in his presence, they are here ready to be produced if your Honour &c. should think fit.

These are the most material Proofs on which I grounded my Report, and I am with the greatest Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient and most humble Servant
John Smith.

Fort St. George
the 28th. June 1756.

29 Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 7th. Instant.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Deve Cotah dated this day.

30 Receiv'd by Tappies general Letter from Fort St. David dated 28th. Ultimo.

1 Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

3 Last night appear'd in the Offing and this Morning Anchor'd in the Road the Honble Company's ship Suffolk, William Wilson from England for this Port and Canton.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1756* —

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY THE 3D.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGER LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packet from Europe ℘ Suffolk open'd.

The Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the Ship Suffolk being brought on shore is now open'd and the Papers therein contain'd being found to Agree with the List of the Packet. The General Letter dated 19th. December 1755, and Copy of that by the Marlbro dated 3d. of the same Month are read, also the List of Investment and other Material Papers.

Order sign'd for the Delivery of Treasure &c.

An Order is now sign'd to the Commander of the Suffolk to deliver the Treasure, Military, Wares & Stores Consign'd to this Presidency.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

Arriv'd the Honble Company's Ships Stormont, Captain Josiah Hindman from England with a Packet for this Presidency being bound to this Port and Canton Messrs. Thomas Shore and Stephen De Visme Supra Cargos, Passengers. 4

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SUNDAY THE 4TH

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.

WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Packet from England ℘ Stormont open'd.

The Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the Stormont being brought on Shore is now open'd and the Papers therein contain'd being found to Agree with the List of the Packet, the Copy of the General Letter to Fort Marlbrô dated 3d. December 1755 is now read, the other General Letters &c. in the said Packet being compared with those received yesterday by the Suffolk appear to be Duplicates thereof.

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An order is now sign'd to the Commander of the Stormont to deliver the Treasure Military Wares and Stores Consign'd to this Presidency.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

5 Sail'd the Hon̄ble Company's Sloop Dragon Assem Condou for Fort St. David.

At a Consultation

Monday the 5th.

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the three last Consultations dated the 28th. June 3 and 4th. Instant read and sign'd.

General Letters read.

General Letters read From Vizagapatm.

No. 87 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &c. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 7th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 11th. & 20th. May, and the Money sent ₩ Neptune Snow, and Acquainting Us that they have forwarded to the other Northern Settlements their several Proportions agreeable to our Orders. That they will station Peons as We desire between Vizagapatam and Ganjam for conveying Intelligence to and from Ballisore and are of Opinion that it would not be amiss if Peons were also placed at different stages between Vizagapatam and Madras. That their Warehouse-keeper proposes to contract for the Package of the Company's Bales at two and one Quarter Current Pagodas ₩ White Bale and eighteen fanams ₩ Brown which is the lowest Rate he can undertake it at without being a sufferer. That We may depend on having as large a Proportion of their Investment in Uppara Ordinary as they can possibly procure. And it is with concern they observe the other sortments have not answer'd our Expectations, that they shall not fail to caution the Merchants to bring in better Cloths in future, but with respect to their Measure they assure Us that no Cloths are taken in but what are of a proper Length and Breadth That a considerable supply of Pagodas is the only means to effectuate the Provision of Uppara Ordinary which We have so strenuously recommended to them, and also a supply of a Lack of Rupees would be acceptable as the Money they have hitherto received can contribute but little towards their Investment. That in consequence of Our Orders of the 24th March they forwarded to Us the Accounts of all the Wares Stores &c. remaining in the Settlement the 30th. April last as also the Account of such as are deficient thro' Rust, Decay and other Damages about which they desire Our directions. That they also send Us their Indents which they hope We will comply with. That their several Farms were relet at Outcry the 1st. May a List whereof they insert at the same time they also put up the Quit Rent as they found the manner it was collected on the Company's Account gave too great an

General Letters read.

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opening for Impositions. That Mr. John Lewin Smith arrived there on the Neptune Snow and that they received the Account Sortment sent in Our last and now Enclose their Monthly Accounts for April Cloth on hand L.C.O. Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps.

643. 6 L.C.F. 133. 12 Sale 14. 11 S.F. 5. 6. In all Corges 796. 15.

No. 88 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour & Council at Fort St. David acknowledging the Receit of Our Letter of the 22d. and acquainting Us they now Forward a List of the Company's Plate and Furniture tho' they had formerly sent Us one with their Accounts. That the Deputy Governour having demanded his allowances as such from his arrival at Bombay they desire Our directions about it And that the Hospital Cloathing for Deve Cotah shall be sent thither as soon as possible. From Fort St. David.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David that the Deputy Governour is to be paid the Allowances as such from the time of his arrival at Bombay. That in regard to the Account remains of Plate and Furniture, the Pallankeen & Tossells sent hither must be wrote off to this Presidency that if they are satisfied the Articles deficient are become so thró unavoidable Accident or by wear, they may be wrote off to Profit and Loss, that such others as are unserviceable must be sold at Outcry and the difference also wrote off, that the rest must be carried forward in their next Books at the rate they now stand, and that no more Plate or Furniture be made up without first acquainting Us of the necessity & receiving our Permission. To write St. David. Deputy Governours Allowance to be paid. Orders on the Account Remains of Plate & Furniture.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam that We cannot comply with their proposal for Packing the Bales at Pagodas two and a quarter each as the Gentlemen at Ingeram & Maddapollam and the Warehousekeeper here and at St. David have undertaken it at Pagodas two ℔ Bale which price We will allow & not more, that We agree to their offer to pack the Brown Bales at eighteen fanams each. That their Indents shall be complied with as opportunitys offer. That all the unserviceable Arms mention'd in their Storekeepers Report of decay'd Stores must be sent up hither and the other worn out and useless stores and the damaged Cloth & Carpets must be sold at Outcry for the most they will fetch and the difference wrote off to Profit & Loss as well as the Articles lost and deficient which is permitted for the Reasons they assign. To write to Vizagapatam Package of Bales. Indents to be complied with Orders of the Accot. damaged & deficincies.

Letter from Mr. John Brohier Engineer accompanying an Estimate of the charge of erecting two Mills to Grind Mortar & Cement amounting to three hundred and ninety three Pagodas Order'd that the Mills be erected. The Letter and Estimate are enter'd hereafter. Estimate of 2 Mills for Cement to be erected.

A Packet address'd to the Board being open'd and read (as enter'd hereafter) is found to contain a Protest from Captain Thomas Winter of the Delawar dated the 2d. Instant setting forth that he is inform'd sundry Pieces of Long Cloth were stolen out of the Bales sent on board as well as some of the Salt Petre he therefore protest in order to indemnify himself and Owners from all deficiencies that may be found in the said Bales and Salt Petre. Capt. Winter Protests against deficiencies.

Altho' upon the strictest Enquiry the Justices have not been able to discover that more than three pieces of Long Cloth and about three Quarters of a Bag of Salt Petre have been stolen of what has been sent off to the Delawar yet in Order to prevent any plea that might be urged by the Owners at home against being answerable for the Deficiencies the Board would immediately determine to land all the Bales and have them repacked in presence of the Captain or his Officer and re-weigh the Salt Petre if it could be done without Detaining the China Ships, whose late arrival makes it necessary to use all possible Expedition in landing their Consignments and as their dispatch would be much retarded if the Boats employ'd for that purpose were taken Off to bring ashore Resolution thereon.

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the Bales & Salt Petre on board the Delawar It is resolved not to land them as there is no reason to believe the deficiency can be any thing considerable, but to advise the Hoñble Court of Directors fully of the Circumstances of this Affair and the Secretary is directed to acquaint Captain Winter that We propose doing so.

Mr. Broadbent to resign & go home. Granted.

Letter from James Broadbent one of the Hoñble Company's Writers now at Fort St. David read as enter'd hereafter requesting permission, for the reasons therein given to resign the service and return to Europe, which is granted.

An Account of some Overcharges made by Mr. Hopkins. Mr. Smith to make a Calculate of Batta also.

Pursuant to Order of Consultation the 28th. Ultimo Mr. Smith now lays before the Board (as enter'd hereafter) an Account of Sundry Overcharges, made by Mr. Hopkins as mentioned in the Charge against him amounting to Pagodas Five hundred and Forty, nine fanams and sixteen Cash (540–9–16). Mr. Smith is now desired also to make a Calculate of the Batta which Mr. Hopkins has omitted to Credit the Company for, and lay the same before the Board.

Account sale of 24 Bales of Broad Cloth.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account sale of Twenty four (24) Bales of Broad Cloth at Outcry the 24th. Ultimo at one Pagoda Advance which is Ordd to be enter'd hereafter.

Account General Draft for a Chest of Amber Beads Account Solomon Salomons.

A draft is now presented from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for One Chest of Amber Beads marked S. No. 1 deposited on Account of the Estate of Solomon Salomons and now to be deliver'd to Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart by Order of the Mayors Court. ORDER'D that the same be delivered accordingly.

The Storekeeper lays before the Board the following Accounts Vizt.

Account laid before the Board by the Storekeeper & orders thereon Vizt. Issues & Rems. ꝑ Cuddalore.

Account of Receits Issues and Remains of Stores and Provisions ꝑ Cuddalore Sloop from the 20th. November 1755 to the 30 June 1756 which is approved.

Indent ꝑ Do.

Indent for Stores and four Months Provision for the Cuddalore Sloop from the 1st. Instant which is Ordered to be complied with.

Impress ꝑ Cuddalore.

Account of four months Impress for the Cuddalore Sloop commencing the 1st. Instant amounting to Arcot Rupees sixteen hundred and fifty six (1656) which is ordered to be paid.

Capt. Baker's Account Disbursements ꝑ Cuddalore.

Captain Bakers Account of Expences for Provisions &c. and one Months Wages due to the Cuddalore sloop the 30th. Ultimo amounting to Arcot Rupees Five hundred and ninety nine three Anaes (599–3–). Also his Account Diet of Military &c. from hence to the Negrais in his last Trip amounting to Pagodas One hundred and eghty six, twenty eight fanams (186–28–) likewise his Account Diet of One Centinel for sixty four days from the Negrais hither amounting to Pagodas Fourteen and eight fanams (14–8) all which are order'd to be paid.

Impress of Mermaid.

Account of one months Impress for the Mermaid sloop for the Current Month amounting to Arcot Rupees Two hundred and sixty twelve annaes and six pice (260–12–6).

Medicines to be purchased for the Cuddalore

The Storekeeper also acquaints the Board that the Cuddalore Sloop being in want of Medicines a Box was put on Board just before her departure on her last trip to the Negrais which has not yet been paid for, that those Medicines were landed and kept at the Negrais for the use of the Island, and therefore that the Sloop is now in want of more Order'd that the said Medicines be paid for and that another be sent on board the sloop.

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Order'd that Eight hundred (800) Pagodas and two thousand five hundred (2500) Rupees be advanced the storekeeper for the foregoing disbursements. Advance to the Store-keeper.

AGREED that as much Salt Beef be purchased out of the Europe Ship as the Commanders will dispose of and the President is desired to Agree with them on the price not exceeding twenty ℔ Cent on the Invoice. Salt Beef to be purchased.

The President acquaints the Board that he shall have occasion to employ a Sloop on Secret Service AGREED that the Hoñble Companys Sloop Cuddalore now in the Road be put under the Presidents sole Orders, to be employ'd as he shall think fit. Cuddalore Sloop put under the Presidents Order.

AGREED that the Hoñble Company's Sloop Mermaid be dispatch'd directly to Bengal with Fifteen Chests of Bullion, and that a supply of Rupees (as soon as they can be coin'd) be sent down thither by the Norwood. Mermaid to be dispatched to Bengal with 15 Chests Bullion.

AGREED that Pattamars be dispatched to the Northern Settlements, Bombay Tellicherry, and Anjengo, with Advices of the situation of Affairs in Europe at the departure of the ships lately arriv'd from thence. Pattamars to be Dispatched to the several settlements.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining Compared with the Chest Fourteen thousand six hundred and sixty five Pagodas thirty three fanams and sixty Cash (14665–33–60) which is carried forward. Cash Account for June read.

ADJOURN'D till four of the Clock in the Afternoon in Order again to read the General Letter from the Court of Directors receiv'd ℔ Suffolk &c. and to give the necessary directions thereon. Adjournd till the afternoon.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLIAM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HOÑBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR &C. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

In Consequence of your Orders for an Estimate of the Expence of Erecting two Mills to Grind Mortar and Cement (which I represented to the Committee of the Works as a Frugall and skilfull Method of mining it) The Board has herewith the Amount of that Charge and am most Respectfully

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most hble Servant

J. BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 4 JULY 1756.

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ESTIMATE FOR ERECTING MILLS TO GRIND MORTAR OR CEMENT FOR THE WORKS AT FORT ST. GEORGE THE 4TH. JULY 1756.

4 Grinding stones each 6 feet high & 18 Inches thick .. 10 Stones forming two Platforms with a Trough in which the Mortar is grinded	180
4 Timbers each 24 feet long	60
4 Timbers each 16 feet long	40
2 Ditto for the Shafts of the Axis which turns the Mill ..	26
4 Axile Trees	10
2 Poles for the Oxen to turn the Mill	8
2 Reakers and other small Utensils	4
Iron and Brass Work for Spindles Socketts &c.	40
Workmanship of Carpenters &c.	25
Pagodas ..	393

J. BROHIER.

KNOW ALL MEN by these Present that I Thomas Winter Commander of the Ship Delawar in the Service of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies and now riding at Anchor in the Road of Madras and bound for England having receiv'd Orders from the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President & Council of Fort St. George to Receive on board the said Ship all such Bales of Peice Goods and Bags of Salt Petre &c. that the aforesaid President and Council at any time shall think proper to send on Account of the said United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies, and whereas the said Thomas Winter have Receiv'd certain Advice and Intelligence that there were several Peices of Long Cloth feloniously taken and stolen out of the Sundry Bales that have been shiped since the Receiving the above Orders as also several Parcels of Salt Petre were feloniously taken and stolen out of sundry Bags that have been shiped on board since the game have been weigh'd on shore by the certain Persons belonging to the Boats conveying the said Bales of Long Cloth and Bags of Salt Petre on board the said Ship, and whereas two Persons have since been taken and Committed to Prison by Henry Powney Esqr. for aiding and assisting or Receiving the said Peices of Long Cloth and Salt Petre or part and whereas the said Bales of Long Cloth and Bags of Salt Petre were entirely stowed in a proper manner in the said Ship before the said Advice and Intelligence came to me and whereas the said Sundry Bags of Salt Petre were not weigh'd on board nor neither was I acquainted with the number of Peices of Long Cloth each Bale contain'd therefore it's Impossible for me to know the weight of Salt Petre or the number of Peices of Long Cloth wanting therefore I protest and by these present do Protest in the behalf of the Owners as well as for myself against being answerable for any number of Peices of Long Cloth or for any weight of Salt Petre that may be found deficient in the said Bales of Long Cloth or Bags of Salt Petre Given under my hand at Fort St. George this second day of July in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty six.

THOMAS WINTER.

WITNESS
JOHN FOWLER.
A. DICKER.

A true copy from the original.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President & Governour &c. Council of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having sometime since wrote to the President for leave to return to Europe by the first Ship, but not having receiv'd any answer, make bold to Address the Board for the same, my reasons for so doing the Governour was acquainted off which were that I had not my health, and had receiv'd a Letter from Europe by the Delawar from a Friend which advised me to come Home as my Relations expected me. I have therefore resolved to take their advice (with your Honour &c. leave) as I find the little time I have been in India my Expences too far exceed the Honble Company's Allowances, and was I to continue in their service must be obliged to borrow Money which I never will without being certain that I could pay it soon. As these are my Reasons, I hope you will have no objections to my returning and your leave to come up to Madras would highly oblige

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Oebd^t^. & Most hum^ble^. Servant
James Broadbent.

Fort S^t^. David,
June the 25: 1756.

Extract of the Overcharges particularly specified in my Report and not since accounted for by M^r^. Hopkins.

In April Charged 12 days hire to 244 Cooleys carrying stores to Camp	244	—	—				1755
Paid only 10 days	131	19	20				
				112	16	60	
Charged Batta to Seapoys escorting those Stores	33	22	—				
Paid only	22	—	—				
				11	22	—	
In June Charged Batta to Sepoys escorting Colonel Heron to Fort St David	53	—	56				
Paid only	·28	6	—				
				24	30	36	
In August Charged 9 days hire to 315 Cooleys carrying Stores to Camp	236	9	—				
Paid only 8 days hire to 185 Cooleys	123	12	—				
				112	33	—	
Charged 18 days Batta to Seapoys escorting those Stores	52	9	—				
Paid only 15 days	27	6	—				
				25	3	—	
Charged monthly Pagodas 6–30 for Two Cattamarans employed at the Barr to carry Notes to Vessels, which Cattamarans were not paid for nine months				61	18	—	
Charged 4 Peons Wages to the Nabob which are also charged in the Peon Roll for 13 Months at Pagodas 6–24 ₽ month				86	24	—	
Charged 2 Tom toms and 2 Crooked horn Fellows under the head of Charges Extraordinary, which are also charged in the Peon Roll for 25 months at Pagodas 2–24 ₽ month				66	24	—	
Charged 1 Washerman under the Head of Peons and Servants Wages at Pagodas 1 ₽ month which is entered on the Sepoy Roll as a Sepoy for 25 months at Rs. 6 ₽ month or P. 172 ₽ m^o^.				37	18	—	
Pagodas ..				540	9	16	

John Smith.

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HON^BLE COMPANY'S BROAD CLOTH BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZ^T.

The time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.		Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at	Amount of each lot.	To whom sold.
June 1756	Broad Cloth	2 Aurora. 2 Ord^y Red. 2 Green.	6 Bales Pag^s	500 3 60	Pag^s 575	..	Pag .. 576	Arnagady Chitte.
	Do.		6 D^o.	D^o.	D^o.		.. 576	Tagapah Chittee.
	Do.		6 D^o.	D^o.	D^o.	..	.. 576	Mutak Chittee.
	Do.		6 D^o.	D^o.	D^o.	..	.. 576	Paupah Chittee.
			24 Bales.				Pag^s .. 2304	

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

℔ HENRY POWNEY.

Import Ware H^o K^r.

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The Honble United Companys Cash — Dr.

1	To Ballance brought from last Month	4118	15884	31	4559	8	31
	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his running Account ..	1500		..	1500	—	—
—	To William Perceval, Land Customer rec^d of him for the April Ballance of that Account	180	4605	23	307	33	23
7	To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his running Account	1000		..	1000	—	—
9	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers rec^d of them for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ult^mo. ..	200	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License received of them for 1 Month's Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo ..	..	12000	—	333	12	—
	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty received of them for two months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	..	6000	—	166	24	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	6998	55289	54	8533	29	54

Per Contra. — Cr.

19	By Tellisinga Chittee &c Merchants advanced them on Account of the Investment ..	15000		..	15000	—	—
—	By Sunca Vencata Ramah & Ambalatady Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment ..	5000		..	5000	—	—
—	By Linga Chittee and Servannah Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment	10000		..	10000	—	—
21	By Deve Cotah Paid Messrs. Robert Orme and John Smith for 50 Garse Paddy deliver'd there at 60 Pagodas ℔ Garse ..	3000		..	3000	—	—
—	By Account Presents Paid the King of Tanjores Vackeel on Account of the annual Present for Deve Cotah	200		..	200	—	—
28	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad &c.	3000		..	3000	—	—
—	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	5000	90000		7500	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &c^a., next Month	6000		..	6000	—	—
	Carried over Pagodas ..	47200	90000	—	49700	—	—

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The Honble United Company's Cash—*cont.* Dr.

	Brought over Pagodas ..	6998	55289	54	—	8531	29	54
19	To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury	40000		..		40000	—	—
21	To Robert Orme and John Smith Renters of Deve Cotah received of them for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. Ultimo when the Cowle expired ..	2100		..		2100	—	—
–	To Pery Woodundy Farmer of the Company's old Garden Received of him in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant ..	120		..		120	—	—
–	To Poombavay Vellapah Farmer of the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans received of him in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 12th. Instant	357		18	—	357	18	—
28	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his running Account ..	4300		..		4300	—	—
–	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running Account	1500		..		1500	—	—
	To William Perceval Land Customer received of him for the May Ballance of that Account	178	4458		6	301	30	6
	Carried over Pagodas ..	55553	59765	60	—	57213	5	60

Per Contra—*cont.* Cr.

	Brought over Pagodas ..	47200	90000	—	—	49700	—	—
28	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1000		..		1000	—	—
30	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad	2000		..		2000	—	—
	By Batta Issued in the Course of this Month for the Purchase of fanams as ℔ Contra ..	1000		..		1000	—	—
		51200	90000	—	—	53700	—	—
	By Ballance carried to next Months Account	14353	11265	60		14665	33	60
	Carried over Pagodas ..	6553	101265	60		68365	33	60

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THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH—*cont.* DR.

Brought over Pagodas ..	55553	59765	60	57213	5	60
21 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury	10000		..	10000	—	—
To Batta for the Produce of 1000 Pagodas Issued as ℔ Contra and exchanged into Fanams at the rate of 41 fanams and 40 Cash ℔ Pagoda and brought to Account here at 36 fanams ℔ Pagoda		41500	—	1152	28	—
Pagodas ..	65553	101265	60	68365	33	60

PER CONTRA—*cont.* CR.

Brought over Pagodas ..	65553	101265	60	68365	33	60
Pagodas ..	65553	101265	60	68365	33	60

ERRORS EXCEPTED
℔ GEORGE PIGOT.

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5 This Afternoon Anchor'd in the Road the Honble Company's Ship Godolphin Captain William Hutchinson from England with a Packet for this Presidency bound from hence to Canton Messrs. John Searle and Joseph Harrington Supra Cargos Messrs. Thomas Hamilton and Thomas Amphlet Writers for this Establishment, Passengers.

AT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY THE 5TH IN THE AFTERNOON.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAURENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL, JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packet ℔ Godolphin open'd.

The Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the Godolphin being brought on Shore is now opened and the Papers therein Contained being found to Agree with the List of the Packet, on comparing the General Letters and other material Papers with those read by the Stormont &c. they appear to be duplicates thereof.

Order sign'd for delivery of Treasure & c.

An Order is now sign'd to the Commandr. of the Godolphin to deliver the Treasure Military Wares and Stores Consigned to this Presidency.

Orders in consequence of the Company's General letter dated 19th. Decemr. 1755.

Pursuant to Adjournment this Morning the Honble Companys Commands in their General Letter dated the 19th. December last are now consider'd and the following Directions given thereon Vizt.

1ST. SHIPPING.

Paragraph 6. Relating to Redwood for China.

The Export Warehousekeeper acquaints the Board that there is a considerable quantity of Redwood brought in and ready to be sorted.

ORDER'D that the Export Warehousekeeper and Engineer examine the same and seperate that which is proper for the China Market and report the same to the Board.

ORDER'D that to avoid any delay in the dispatch of the China Ships The Redwood be sent on board them by the returning Boats as fast as they land their Consignments here, if the Ships can take it in.

2D. GOODS FROM EUROPE &C.

Paragraph 34. That thirty Men Coffrees be sent to St. Helena.

Altho the Coffrees here having been long train'd to Arms are now very good Soldiers and may be extreamly usefull as there is but too much cause to apprehend fresh troubles on this Coast Yet as the Company's Orders are positive.

AGREED That Fifteen of the Coffrees be sent to St. Helena by the Delawar and the remaining Fifteen by the Ship to be dispatch'd in January.

3D. INVESTMENTS.

Paragraph 43. Directions in what manner to Contract for the Investment.

Althó the Board have no grounds to imagine they shall meet with better success from Publick Notice than they had last Year for the reasons which have been fully represented to the Honble Court of Directors yet in Obedience to their Commands

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ORDER'D that Publick Notice be given by Advertisement to be affixed in the usual places that all Persons who may be inclin'd to Contract for or undertake to provide the Company's Investment or any part may deliver in their proposals in writing within two Months from the date hereof, and that in the mean time the Musters may be view'd at the Export Warehouse And it is also AGREED to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to give Publick Notice for Contracting these in like manner. ORDER'D that the form of the Advertisement be entered hereafter.

45. To be careful that the Expences of Deve Cotah do not exceed the Revenues.

This subject is considered under the Head of Fortifications.

4TH. COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

51. That the Nabobs Debt be exactly ascertain'd to a certain Period and then be acknowledged by him or otherwise order'd valid, and that in future what may be further Contracted be secured at short Intervals.

The Transactions with the Nabob being under the Management of the Select Committee it is referr'd to them to pursue such measures at present and in future for obtaining the acknowledgment and Authentication of the Accounts between the Company and the Nabob as they shall think fit, And the Accountant is directed to lay before the said Committee a State of those Accounts, and that he may be the better enabled to draw out the same AGREED to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David and Deve Cotah that they are to furnish him from their Books with such Extracts and Accounts as he shall apply for.

5TH. FORTIFICATIONS &C.

55. All the Orders given in regard to the Conducting the Works at this Presidency are to be observ'd in the same manner at the Subordinates. The Board observe that at Vizagapatam and such other of the Subordinates where there are but few of the Company's Servants it is impossible that the same Method can be pursued as at the Presidency but with respect to St. David AGREED that the Deputy Governour and Council be directed to appoint a Committee for Conducting their Works, to consist of two of the Members of their Board and Mr. Call who are to consider of ways and means for providing Materials and carrying on the works to the best Advantage but that previous to their resorting on any method of providing Materials Publick Notice be given that all Persons who may be inclined to supply the Company with Bricks or other Materials may deliver in their proposals, and then upon the whole that they fix on such Method as may seem best in all Respects.

56. That nothing more than unavoidable Repairs be done at Deve Cotah. The Fort of Deve Cotah being to Us the Key to Tanjour Country and Trichinopoly from which our Communication might be easily cut off had the Enemy a Superior Force and that Place in their Possession the Board think it of the utmost Consequence that it should be preservd at least untill the Country be settled in Peace even thó it may not answer for an Investment, and the Charges of repairing and maintaining the Settlement should at this time exceed the Revenues of it which however it is hoped will not be the case long, those bounds having been lately farm'd for upwards of Nine Thousand Pagodas (9000) and being capable of great improvement. Upon these Considerations a Survey has lately been made of the Condition of the Fort and the Works necessary to render it defensible a Report and Estimate whereof amounting to Seven thousand (7000) Pagodas having been laid before the Board the 28th. Ultimo, were then order'd to be carried into execution and the Board being still of Opinion that the Importance of the Place is much more than adequate to the Expence it is

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Resolv'd that the Orders already given do subsist, with this difference only that the erecting the two Counterguards and digging the Ditch as they are the most Expensive part of the Works being estimated at Four thousand Pagodas be not set about untill the other Repairs are well advanced.

58. The Powder Mill to be put under the direction of the Committee of Works.

Order'd that the Powder Mill (a Model whereof was sent out by the Onslow) be erected under the Inspection and direction of the said Committee on some proper spot at a Convenient distance from the Powder Mill at Egmore.

59. To be mindfull of making an Assessment on the Inhabitants towards defraying the Charges of the Fortifications.

As such an Assessment cannot be made without very discouraging Circumstances which are fully stated in the 72d. Paragraph of the General Letter by the Hardwick dated 27th. October the Board think they ought to suspend any further Resolution thereon untill they receive an Answer thereto from the Honble Court of Directors.

68. Such Recompence to be made the proprietor of the Confiscated Houses as the Board shall think reasonable.

The Court of Directors having being pleased to leave the settling this Affair entirely to the President and Council they are of Opinion that the best Method of determining it is to restore the Houses in their present Condition to the former proprietors upon Condition that they immediately dispose of them to European Protestants residing here And it is Agreed that they be restored accordingly.

6. Covenant Servants &c.

Para. 70. One of the Council of the Presidency always to be Second of Fort St. David and constantly reside there. Mr. Wynch appointed to that Station.

Mr. Wynch thinks himself happy in the good opinion our Honble Masters are pleas'd to express of his knowledge in their Civil Affairs and chearfully submits to their Appointment.

71. The Junior Chaplain always to reside at Fort St. David. Mr. Palk directed to proceed thither.

Order'd that the Honble Company's Commands in the foregoing Paraaph be signified to Mr. Palk.

73. Mr. Dawsonne Drake dismiss'd from the Service.

Mr. Drake being now at Deve Cotah as Provisional Chief Agreed that Mr. James Bourchier be, and he is hereby appointed Chief of the Settlement of Deve Cotah that a General Letter be wrote to Mr. Dawsonne Drake signifying the Honble Company's Commands and directing him to deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. James Bourchier and repair hither as soon as he has settled his private Affairs.

91, 92, 93. The Swiss Companies to be incorporated with the English.

The President and Colonel Lawrence are desired to see these directions carried into Execution.

95. Victualling the Military in Messes in the manner of the Kings Troops recommended.

The President and Colonel Lawrence undertake to regulate this accordingly.

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97. In regard to Invalids. As many of the Europeans as the returning ships can take may be sent as Charter Party Passengers. The settling a Fund recommended.

ORDER'D that as many Invalids be sent home on the China Ships as the Commanders will receive and that ten be also sent by the Delawar if Captain Winter can carry them besides the Coffrees for St. Helena. In regard to the settling a Fund having wrote fully by the Hardwicks on this Subject.

Paragraph one hundred the Board beg leave to refer thereto.

99 The Office of Town Major Abolished. Para.

The President acquaints the Board that the reason for appointing such an Officer was the great ease and Assistance it is to him in dispensing the necessary Military Orders in the Garrison and which is become extreamly necessary since the vast encrease of Business in every Branch, And as the resolution of the Honble Court of Directors to abolish it seems not to have arisen from any dislike to the Office but to the Expence attending it, he acquaints the Board that Captain Bridge is willing to execute it without any Additional Pay. The Board considering the Companys Orders in that light it is AGREED that the Office of Town Major subsist so long as it be executed without any additional Charge to the Company.

100. Publick notice to be given that the Board will receive proposals for Victualling the Troops.

ORDER'D that such notice be given accordingly by Advertisements to be affixed in the usual Places, and that such Proposals be delivered to the President in writing within one month from the date hereof. The form of the Advertisement is enter'd hereafter.

101. Directions for Discharging a Bond due to Coja Sultan David with simple Interest.

ORDER'D that an account be stated of the said Debt and Interest and that the Ballance be paid to Coja Sultan David.

108. Account particulars of all Military Expences to be sent home.

The Commissary's Accounts having been regularly deliver'd in and deposited in the Accountants Office. ORDERD that Copies thereof be made to be sent home, and that in future the Commissarys Accounts be sent home regularly every Year in the same manner as all the other Accounts of the Settlements.

8 WEST COAST.

118. Mr. Pybus directed to return to his Station here by the very first safe Conveyance.

Althó the last Advices from Fort Marlbró mention that Messieurs Combes and Carter (who are by name appointed to succed to the Chair there) had declared their Intention of returning to England on the Storeship, yet as the Honble Court of Directors have been pleased to direct a General Succession in case of Vacancies above Mr. Jack who is appointed Standing third, and also positively Order that Mr. Pybus return hither by the very first Conveyance.

AGREED that by the next opportunity Mr. Pybus be directed to Return accordingly leaving the Charge of the Settlements there to such Persons as are appointed to succeed thereto by the Company's said Orders.

120. Present of 100 £ Sterling to be given to Mr. Walsh.

Ordered that the said sum be paid out of the Cash Chest at 8/ ₱ Pagoda.

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9 CHARTER.

120. The Justices to meet once a Week or oftner for the Administration of Justice.

The Justices promise to conform as strictly as possible to this Order and Agree to meet every Friday morning for that purpose.

SUPPLEMENT.

140. A particular List of Pensioners to be sent home.

ORDER'D that the Paymaster draw out a General List of all Persons receiving Pensions of any kind from the Company expressing in Columns their Names Age, Country, former Station or Employ, the Pension they receive by what Accidents they became disabled or on what account they were admitted on the List and the present Circumstances of their several Cases. AGREED to write to Fort St. David & Deve Cotah for Lists drawn out in like manner of all who receive Pensions here.

142. Directions in Consequence of a Memorial from Timothy Tullie Esqr. relating to the Estate of Cuddam Narrain and particularly to receive from the Trustees of the said Estate a sum of money remaining in their hands.

The Board being informed that Mr. Tullie, Mr. Starke and two black Merchants whose names are not now recollected are the Trustees to the said Estate ORDER'D that the Secretary make enquiry who are Mr. Tullies Attorneys here as well as of the Names of the black Merchants who are Joint Trustees with him & Mr. Starke and apply to them for the sum remaining in their hands on Account the said Estate in order that the same may be carried to the Credit of the said Narrain towards discharging his Debt to the Company.

149. Mr. Boddam order'd to quit the Station of Chief of Vizagapatam immediately and return hither where he is to be standing 5th. of Council without rising higher and a Provisional Chief to be appointed till further Orders.

The Companys Orders being positive that immediately on receit of their Commands Mr. Boddam be order'd to quit his Station.

AGREED that Pattamars be dispatch'd to Vizagapatam with a General Letter Signifying the Company's Orders and directing Mr. Boddam to deliver over the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. John Lewin Smith who is hereby appointed to receive the same as Provisional Chief untill further Orders.

Mr. Wynch requesting the Board to appoint some one to take Charge of the Storekeeper's Employ from the 1st. Instant that he may have time to prepare for his removal to Fort St. David.

Mr. Smith appd. Storekeeper in the room of Mr. Wynch.

AGREED that Mr. John Smith take Charge of the said Employ and continue to carry on those of the Paymaster & Military Paymaster untill Mr. Boddams arrival from Vizagapatam.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
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FORT S^T^. GEORGE THE 5 JULY 1756.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons who may be inclin'd to Contract for or undertake to provide the Company's Investment or any part thereof at this Presidency for the Current Year may make their proposals to the President & Council in writing which proposals are to be delivered to the President within two Months from the date hereof and are to particularize.

THE SPECIES THE PRICES THE QUANTITYS	of Goods the proposer will undertake to provide and the times when he will deliver the same.

AND NOTICE is further given that all Persons who may be inclined to make such Proposals may have a View of the Musters of the several species of Merchandize to be provided at the Export Warehouse.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESID[T]. & COUNCIL.

JOS: DUPRE.
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE THE 5 JULY 1756

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons who may be inclined to Contract for Victualling the Company's Troops in the Field and the Out Garrisons may make their proposals to the President and Council in Writing which Proposals are to be delivered to the President within one month from the date hereof.

BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL

JOS: DUPRE.
Secry.

Arrived Sloop Wilhelma & Maria Charles Bruce, from Sadrass.

Sail'd Sloop Dolphin, Wallee Rame for Bengal. 8

Sign'd General Letter to Bengal to go by the Mermaid and Dispatch to Alexander Scott Master of that Sloop both dated this day. —

Sent by Pattamars the following General Letter viz[t]. 9

To Charles Boddam Esq[r]. Chief &c[a]. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 8th.

To M[r]. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &c[a] Council at D[o]. To M[r]. Foss Westcott Esq[r]. Resident at Ingeram To M[r]. John Andrews Resident at Bandermalanka	dated this day

Sent by Tappies to Fort S[t]. David General Letter dated this day. —

Sail'd Brigantine Three Brothers Andrew Karr for Bengal. —

D[o]. the Hon'ble Company's Sloop Mermaid Alexander Scott for Bengal. —

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort S[t]. David dated 8th. Instant. 10

Sent by Pattamars General Letters to Bombay, Tellicherry & Anjengo all dated this day. 11

Deliver'd to M[r]. James Bourchier his Orders as Chief of Devecotah with a General Letter to M[r]. Dawsonne Drake to deliver over the Charge of that Settlement to him—both dated this day. 12

Receiv'd by Pattamars two General Letters from Vizagapatam dated 25th. & 28th. June. 13

General Letter from Ingeram dated 24th. June.

General Letter from Bandarmalanka dat[d]. 1st. July.

General Letters from Negrais rec'd via Bengal dated 11th. May.

Three General Letters from Bengal dat. 25th. May 4th. & 7th. June.

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Wednesday the 14th.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Stringr. Lawrence.	Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.	Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.	John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the two last Consultations dated the 5th. Instant read & Signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

General letters read. From Fort St. David. No. 89 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governor &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 8th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 26th. Ultimo with the Papers enclosed & acquainting Us that our Instructions relating to their Accounts shall be complied with that they shall assist Cawn Moodellare and Tenneveroy Pillah to recover their Debts & That the Dragon Sloop shall be return'd with Bales as soon as she arrives—Enclosing their Monthly Papers for May.

From Vizagptm. No. 90 & 91 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam. The first the 25th. June serving only to enclose a Packet from Bengal which they were desired to forward with the greatest Expedition. The other dated the 28th. June enclosing their Monthly Papers and Acquainting Us that they had receiv'd overland from Bimblepatam our Letter of the 9th. as well as the Treasure sent them by the Syren Sloop, that Vessell having fallen to the Leeward & put in there. That our Packets and money for the other Factories have been forwarded to them. That by the time the Arcot Snow's Repairs are compleated they shall have a Cargo of Rice ready for her and our Directions for discharging all Arrears of Wages &ca. to the time of Dispatch shall be observed. The Expences attending all which lay them under a necessity to entreat a further supply of Cash. That Captain Bibb does not think it adviseable to Sail before August. That Captain Beaver on his Arrival took the Command of the Garrison but most of the Military sent them ℘ the Syren are incapable of Duty & seem to have been draughted from the Invalid List. That Lieutenant Elly returns his thanks for his Commission. That having found in the Packet ℘ Syren an Abstract of Treasure sent ℘ Neptune Snow, which they imagine has been enclosed by Mistake as it does not correspond with what receiv'd from that Vessell they now return it, & also enclose a Bill presented to them by Captain Smith for dieting the Military &ca. ℘ Syren which appearing extravagant they did not chuse to discharge without our directions. That they should be obliged to Us for Information whether they should not debt Charges Merchandize for the whole of the Packing Stuff on the Bales sent from thence, as they observe none of it is deliver'd back with the turned out Cloth tho' they have hitherto charged only for that on the Bales taken in. That on a moderate Computation they hope to send Us seven hundred Bales by the End of September. Cloth on hand L.C.O. 700 Corge & 9 Ps. L·C·F· 145–11 S·O· 18 (Cor.) 3 (ps.) S.F. 6 (Cor.) 6 (ps.). In all 870 (Cor.) 9 (ps.).

General letter from Ingeram. No. 92 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 24th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 11th. with Ten thousand (10000) Madras Pagodas and Acquainting Us that the Merchants are contended with our Prices set on the Midling Cloth, and tell him they expect to bring in Three Hundred (300) Bales by the latter end of August. That the French have repaired their Factory at Yanam and appointed a proper Resident there to

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carry on the Investment. That he has received the Account Sortment & shall close his Books as soon as the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam send him their Account Current And that he shall pay due Regard to our Postscript relating to the Fortifications there. Cloth on hand L.C.O. Cor. 101 Ps. 16 L.C.M. 40 Corge L.C.F. 25 Corge In all 166 Corge 16 Ps.

No. 93 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 1st. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 9th. Ultimo and also of the Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas by the Syren Sloop And acquainting Us that he has already One hundred and sixty (160) Bales of Cloth on hand and hope to make up Three hundred (300) by September. That the Investment shall be carried on agreeable to the Prices We set on the Midling Cloths. That agreeable to our Account Sortment he has closed his Books and now transmitts Us one sett the Ballance of Cash in which he observes is different from that in the Cash Account for April arising from an Error in the casting up which he has now rectified. Cloth on Hand L.C.O. Cor. 151 Ps. 16 L.C.M. 53–3 L.C.F. 48–9 In all 253–8. From Bandarmalka.

No. 94 From Captain John Howes, Chief of the Negrais dated 11th. May acquainting Us that the George imported there the 2d. of that Month with the sundry Stores for the use of that Settlement and now lies as a Guardship there in the room of the Prince George which agreeable to our directions he dispatch'd to Bengal to be refitted after having paid off her Wages &ca. That the Chief Use of the Ship George is to serve as a Magazine & Granary as it is not prudent to keep all the Ammunition & Stores on Shore where the thatched Houses are every day liable to fire by villany or Accident. That as soon as the Rains are over he shall be able to build a proper Magazine & Granary when the Expence of a Guardship may be saved & shall then discharge the George from the Companies Service. That Seventeen of the thirty Military sent on that Ship were convey'd from on board immediately to the Hospital so that the expected Death of some of them must not be wholly attributed to the Unhealthiness of the Island. From Negrais. General letters read.

No. 95 No. 96 & 97. From the Honble Roger Drake Esqr. President & Governour &ca. Council of Fort William. The first dated the 25 of May acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 13th April & 11th May And acquainting Us that they shall give the Prince George a thorough Repair when she arrives. That the Treasure ⅌ Fortune Ketch has turned out right That agreeable to our Request they shall give necessary Orders for stationing Peons for expediting Advices. That by the Advices they received from Our Honble Masters by the Delawar they have great Reason to apprehend a War & it being recommended to them to be upon their Guard they think it incumbent on them to represent to Us the weak State of their Garrison occasioned chiefly by our detaining the Recruits design'd them for several years past amounting to Six hundred and sixty three (663) as ⅌ the list now sent Us; That it is highly necessary We should send them as large a Reinforcement as We can possibly spare and also some Musquetts which they are in great want of. That by the Mermaid & Syren Sloops they Consign'd Us One thousand three hundred and fifty (1350) Bags Salt Petre & shall send what further Quantity We may indent for That their Nabob Allyverdi Cawn is demised & is succeeded by his adopted Son Seer Raja Dowlat. Enclosing a Packet for the President & Council of Bombay to be forwarded. The second dated 4th. June Acquainting Us that since the date of their last they had been & are still involved in a Dispute with the Country Government occasion'd by the Nabobs taking Umbrage at their repairing & Strengthening their line of Guns towards the River and That by Letters from Cassimbuzar (Copies of which they send us) they are afraid Matters will be carried to Extremities, the Nabob having station'd a Party of Horsemen round that Factory & seeming much exasperated. That should they be attacked they are resolv'd to repel force by force & to that From Bengal.

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End desire We will send them as soon as possible all the Recruits We have detained from them or at least a Reinforcement of Five hundred (500) Men with a proportionate Quantity of Arms & Stores which if We neglect doing they deem themselves no ways responsible for what may happen. That they think it advisable We should communicate this to Admiral Watson. That the Prince George has imported there & shall be return'd to the Negrais with Stores &ca. Artificers so soon as repair'd, should they in the mean time not receive any Instructions from Us to the contrary. That the Owners of the Fortune Ketch have relinquished the Freight for the Treasure sent them, & they doubt not but upon proper Application to the Commanders of the Vessells belonging to their Settlement. We may always forward the Supplys intended them freight free. That they shall dispatch a Pattamar to Us about the end of the Month with a Packet to be forwarded by the Delawar to England & now Enclose a Packet from the Negrais receiv'd by the Prince George. A Postscript is added to acquaint Us that they had just receiv'd Advices from Cassimbuzar that another Party with a Train of Artillery was arrived there, that some Peons are placed over their Vackeel and that all Communication with the Country People is cut off from which We may judge what they have to expect. The third is dated the 7th. June acquainting Us that the Nabob had ordered a considerable Party with a large Train of Artillery to march down the River, that they were actually on this side to Cassimbuzar and that all Communication was cut off from that Factory from which they apprehend his Designs extend further than is known & therefore entreat Us to send a Reinforcement without the least delay. In a Postscript they advise Us of the surrender of Cassimbuzar & refer Us for Particulars to Copies of Letters from thence which they enclose.

A Detachment of 2 Companies to be sent to Bengal ꝑ the Delawar.

The Measures proper to be taken with respect to the Situation of Affairs at Bengal being considered the Board at first had thought of sending the Suffolk with the Delawar down thither but upon discoursing with the Commanders, and finding that the Delawar alone can carry as many Men as can be spared it is Agreed that the Delawar only be dispatch'd as expeditiously as possible and for that purpose that the Bales and Salt Petre laden on her for Europe be landed with all dispatch, and that two Compleat Companys of Military be sent on her. The Board then proceeded to the Nomination of Officers to Command the said Detachment when Colonel Laurence very readily Offer'd to proceed with the Command, but the Board thinking his Service necessary here and judging also from an Indisposition which constantly attends him that the Air of Bengal especially at this Season of the Year might prove fatal to him it is therefore on these Considerations thought more adviseable to desire Major Killpatrick to take upon him the Command of the Detachment. Major Killpatrick being thereupon desired to attend the Board and being inform'd of the Circumstances of Affairs at Bengal & the resolution of sending a Reinforcement thither, acquaints the Board that tho' he had resign'd the Service and resolv'd on going home yet being ready and desirous at all times to show his inclination to serve the Company as well as Gratitude for the favours receiv'd, if the Board think proper he will proceed with the said Command, It is thereupon Agreed Major Killpatrick Command the said Detachment and that the other Officers be

Major Kilpatrick to command the Party.

Officers to proceed.

Lieutenant Dugald Campbell

Lieutenant Samuel Samson

Ensign James Ogilvie.

Ensign Stephen Smith.

Lieutenant John Francis Paschoud of the Train and that Captain William Lin now at Fort St. David and Captain Lieutenant Benjamin Godwin and Lieutenant Erdman of the Train now at Camp be order'd to come in and to proceed to Bengal by the next Conveyance.

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AGREED that Four Iron Three Pounders with Carriages and Ammunition Compleat be also sent with the said Detachment. 3 Pounders to be sent.

It is referr'd to the Storekeeper to Agree with Captain Winter of the Delawar for Victualling the Military in the Passage to Bengal. Storekr. to Agree for Victualling the Detachment ₱ Delawar.

The Norwood being loaded with Redwood for Bengal on the Company's Account and in readiness to sail AGREED that a Lack of Rupees be put on board her and that she be dispatch'd to Bengal immediately with Advices to the President & Council of the foregoing Resolution. Norwood to be dispatched with Treasure & Redwood to the Bay.

The Hoñble Court of Directors having been pleas'd to recommend Lieutenant Dugald Campbell to be preferr'd according to his Merit, AGREED that it be recommended to the Gentlemen at Bengal to give him a Captains Brevet. Lieutt. Duga Campbell recommended to Bengal.

A Letter from Messrs. Robert Orme and John Brohier read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that they had Survey'd a Parcel of Redwood and find about Seven hundred Candy of large stocks fit for the China Market for which the Owners ask Four and a quarter (4¼) Pagodas ₱ Candy. AGREED that it be purchased for the Company at that rate. Report of Redwood for China. Agreed to purchase it.

Letter from the Committee of Works read as enter'd hereafter representing that the Company's Stock of Timber being entirely expended they have made enquiry what Timber are now to be sold belonging to Private Persons a List whereof with the Prices they now lay before the Board and desire directions thereon. Letter from the Committee of Works.

AGREED that the said Timbers be purchased. Timber to be purchased.

A Draft from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for Six hundred and thirty seven Pagodas Eighteen fanams to be paid to Vencatama Widow of Tripatty Vencaty Krishnama Charloo deceased out of the moneys deposited for Account of Sundry Persons Unknown. Order'd that the same be paid. Draft fm. the Accompt. General to be paid.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. George Vaughan a Midshipman on board the Godolphin is desirous of staying in India and of entering in the Military Service as a Volunteer AGREED that Captain Hutchinson be permitted to discharge him and that he be entertain'd as a Volunteer. Mr. George Vaughan a Midshipman ₱ Godolphin enter'd as a Volunteer.

The Office of Sheriff of Madraspatnam being vacant by the appointment of Mr. James Bourchier to be Chief of Devecotah Mr. Claud Russell is now chosen to be Sheriff in his stead for the remainder of the Year. Mr. Claud Russell chosen Sheriff in the room of Mr. James Bourchier.

AGREED that Mr. George Stratton be Assistant to the Import Warehousekeeper, Mr. Matthew Clarke Assistant to the Committee of Treasury, Mr. Alexander Dalrymple Clerk to the Committee of Accounts, and that Mr. Thomas Hamilton be employed in the Secretarys Office. Mr. Stratton, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dalrymple, Mr. Hamilton. Stationed in the Impt. W. H., Treasury C., Accots., Secy. Office.

AGREED also that Mr. Thomas Kelsall and Mr. Thomas Amphlett be Stationed at Fort St. David. Mr. Kelsall, Mr. Amphlett. Stat at St. David.

Pilloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chetty pay in the following Rents Vizt. Rents paid in.

Six hundred and Sixty Six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666–24) in full for one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. Ultimo, And Beetle & Tobacco.

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Arrack & Wine. Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12) in full for One Months Rent of the Arrack & Wine Licence due the 1st. Ultimo.

Banksall Duty. Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall Duty pays in Two hundred Pagodas (200) for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo.

Advances to the AGREED that the following Advances be made out of Cash.

Expt. Ware. Ho. Kr. To the Export Warehousekeeper Three thousand Pogodas (3000) for the charges of that Employ.

Commissary. To the Commissary Two thousand Pagodas (2000) for the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Honble Companys Stock of Timber and Plank being entirely Expended or in use, in the several Branches of their Works on hand, which must suffer great Impediments, if a further Supply is not speedily obtain'd We have therefore made it our Business to procure an Account of what may be had in the place belonging to Private Persons with the price of it, which we Now lay before you & think reasonable. We therefore submit to your Honour &ca. Consideration, whether it would not be proper to purchase the same for the Honble Company's Use, As well as Concert the necessary Measures for Importing a further Quantity Which will not only be greatly wanted for carrying on the Works, but We imagine may be attended with less Expense to our Honble Masters; As a large Store in the Place must of Course lower the Price, and prevent our being reduced to the Necessity of supplying Ourselves from the Inhabitants at an advanced rate, which must be the case to answer immediate Occasions, if the Company have not a large Stock on hand as the many Branches of their Business occasion a very Considerable Consumption.

We are with Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.
J. BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14TH. JULY 1756.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President &c. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Conformable to your Orders receiv'd from Mr. Secretary Dupre' We have made Enquiry & Examination into what Redwood is now in the Place fit to be purchased for the Company We find a Parcel of about Seven hundred Candy all of large Stocks fit for the China Market which is very sound and good. The owners demand 4¼ Pagodas a Candy alledging that they have been offer'd as much by others.

We submit this to your Consideration and are with great Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. and most humble Servants

Robert Orme.
J. Brohier.

Madras,
July 12th. 1756.

Arriv'd the Fanny Schooner, William Holland form Negapatam. 15

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 13th. Inst. —

Sail'd Ship Norwood, James Smith for Bengal with General Letter of this date. —

Arriv'd His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Henry Smith and Sloop Kingsfisher. Toby from Fort St. David. 19

At a Consultation

Present

Monday 19th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.
Stringr. Lawrence. Henry Powney.
Robert Orme. Alexr. Wynch.
William Perceval. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 14th. Instant read & Sign'd

General Letters read Vizt.

General letters read.

From St. David.

No. 98 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David dated the 13th. Instant Acknowledging the Receit of our letter of the 9th. and Acquainting Us that as they are sensible that the several Articles deficient in the Stewards Account of Plate &ca. are become so by wear or Accidents they shall agreeable to our Permission write them off to Profit & Loss as well as the Difference that may arise in the Sale of what is old and then carry forward the Remainder at the present Valuation tho several Articles are much overrated That in future they shall not make up any Plate without our express Permission. That they have acquainted Mr. Broadbent of having our Leave to resign the Service. That they will affix Advertisements in respect to the Investment & give Us Notice when Proposals are made. That when our Accountant applies for the Nabobs Account it shall be drawn out with all possible Dispatch. That

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they have given Publick Notice that they will receive on the 1st. of August Proposals for supplying the Company with Bricks agreeable to our directions, till which time they shall defer appointing a Committee of Works in Expectation of Mr. Wynch's Arrival, And in the mean time have order'd the Paymaster to continue to supply Materials till the other method can take effect. That being unacquainted with Our manner of conducting this Committee at Fort St. George, they desire We will inform them. That they will send the List of Invalids as soon as possible and that they will give the Trevenduporum Renters all reasonable Countenance and Assistance.

Plan for the Committee of Works at St. David deferr'd untill the Committee of Accounts Report.

AGREED that when the Committee of Accounts have laid before the Board their Report of the Accounts of the Committee of Works at this Settlement the Method that shall be then settled for Conducting that Branch be also the Rule for the Committee of Works at Fort St. David.

Sundry Dispatches approved for Bengal.

The following Dispatch's are now read and approved General Letter to Bengal to accompany the Detachment to be sent on the Delawar.

To Ballasore.

General Letter to Mr. Thomas Boddam Chief of Ballasore to be deliver'd in case the Delawar should put in there.

To Majr. Killpatrick.

Instructions to Major James Killpatrick.

To Captain Winter.

Dispatch and Instructions to Captain Thomas Winter of the Delawar.

25 Tons of the Suffolks Lead to be laden on the Delawar.

ORDER'D That twenty five Tons of Lead remaining on board the Suffolk be laden on the Delawar and Consign'd to Bengal.

3 Chests Coral ℔ Delawar for Bengal kept here till another opportunity.

AGREED that three Chests of Coral Beads Imported by the Delawar from Europe and Consign'd to Messrs. Manningham & Frankland at Bengal be detain'd here untill another opportunity offer.

Mr. Bourchier to carry on Mr. Wynch's Contract for making Gunpowder.

Mr. Wynch being shortly to proceed to Fort St. David proposes to the Board to resign to Mr. Bourchier the management of the Powder Mill at Egmore which Mr. Bourchier offers to undertake on the terms of Mr. Wynch's Contract in Consultation the 29th. April AGREED that Mr. Bourchier be admitted into the said Contract in the room of Mr. Wynch.

A monthly Writer to be employed in the Accountants Office for some time.

The Assistants in the Accountants Office not being sufficient to carry on the Current Business and transcribe two Copies of the Commissary's Accounts which were order'd in Consultation the 5th. Instant to be prepared for Europe ORDER'D that a Monthly Writer be employed untill the said Copies be completed.

Petitions for head money ℔ Suffolk Stormont & Godolphin.

Petitions of the Surgeons of the Suffolk Stormont and Godolphin to be paid the Gratuity allowed for their Care of the Recruits landed here from those Ships being read as enter'd hereafter ORDER'D that the Military Paymaster discharge the same.

Rupees sold Linga Chittee.

AGREED that Thirty thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees be sold Linga Chittee at the rate of Three hundred and Sixty sixty Rupees for One hundred Pagodas being Rupees One hundred and nine Thousand eight hundred (109800) at Trust Vizt. Fifteen thousand Pagodas to be paid the 7th. of August and the remainder the 27th. of the same Month.

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AGREED also That Ten thousand Pagodas worth of Rupees being Thirty Six thousand six hundred (36600) Rupees be sold Mr. William Perceval at the same rate payable the 1st. of August next. Rupees sold Mr. Perceval.

An Account of the Charges of Repairing and Rebuilding Fifty Mussoolah Boats is now laid before the Board as enter'd hereafter amounting in the whole to Pagodas Fourteen hundred and seventy eight, thirty fanams and fifty Cash (1478–30–50) in part of which One thousand Pagodas were advanced the 5th. of April last Order'd that the Balance being Four hundred and seventy eight Pagodas thirty fanams and fifty Cash (478–30–50) be now paid. Balance of Accots. Building & Repairing Boats to be paid.

AGREED that the following Advances be made out of Cash Viz. Advances

To the Paymaster One thousand Pagodas (1000) for the Charges of that Employ. To the Paymaster.

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand five hundred Pagodas (1500) for the Charges of that Employ. To the Military Storekeeper.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Sixty seven Recruits for His Majesty's Regiment having been landed here from the Ship Suffolk I humbly request Your Honour &ca. will be pleas'd to order the Payment of the Head money allowed by the Company for my care of them as Surgeon of that Ship.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your Obedient humble Servant
SAMUEL TALCOT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19TH. JULY 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNR. &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Forty eight Recruits on the Honble Companys Account having been landed here from the Stormont I humbly request your Honour &ca. will be pleas'd to Order the Payment of the usual Head money for my care of them as Surgeon of that Ship.

I am
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JAS. WENSLEY.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19TH. JULY 1756.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1756 —

To the Hon~ble~ George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council
at Fort S^t^. George.

Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs

Fifty one Recruits on the Hon~ble~ Componys Account having been landed here from the Godolphin I humbly request your Honour &c^a^. will be pleas'd to Order the Payment of the usual Head Money for my Care of them as Surgeon of that Ship.

I am
Hon~ble~ Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. hum. Ser^t^.
Al: Henderson.

Fort S^t^. George,
19th. July 1756.

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY . . . . D^r^.

To Building & Repairing Mussoolah Boats.

	No.	P.	f.	C.
To a new Boat	1	30	34	—
D°.	2	31	3	45
Repairing & Cutting down	3	15	33	50
a new Boat	4	32	32	—
D°.	5	31	36	10
Repairing &c^a^.	6	19	27	—
D°. D°.	7	12	18	70
a new Boat	8	34	—	20
D°.	9	29	35	40
D°.	10	31	11	40
D°.	11	30	2	—
D°.	12	34	14	30
D°.	13	32	34	—
Repairing &c^a^.	14	14	27	70
a new Boat	15	34	37	65
D°.	16	34	28	—
D°.	17	31	8	60
D°.	18	35	20	—
D°.	19	34	13	—
D°.	20	38	14	55
D°.	21	33	16	30
Repairing &c^a^.	22	16	14	—
D°.	23	10	3	5
a new Boat	24	30	32	30
Repairing &c^a^.	25	18	1	25
D°. D°.	26	10	1	10
a new Boat	27	34	10	—
D°.	28	31	28	—
Repairing &c^a^.	29	12	11	—
D°.	30	21	1	55
D°.	31	14	39	30
D°.	32	26	20	55
a new Boat	33	38	10	55
D°.	34	30	29	—
D°.	35	33	28	30
D°.	36	35	30	70
D°.	37	30	4	40
D°.	38	38	17	45
D°.	39	37	36	65
D°.	40	37	12	30
Carried over Pagodas ...		1134	26	10

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			P.	f.	C.
		Brought over Pagodas ..	1134	26	10
Repairing &ca.	41	.. .. ..	18	22	—
D°.	42	.. .. ..	22	11	20
a new Boat	43	.. .. ..	37	12	30
D°.	44	.. .. ..	39	2	25
D°.	45	.. .. ..	38	22	25
D°.	46	.. .. ..	38	19	30
D°.	47	.. .. ..	38	21	—
D°.	48	.. .. ..	39	3	10
D°.	49	.. .. ..	37	34	60
D°.	50	.. .. ..	38	10	—
		PAGODAS ..	1478	30	50 [sic]

E.E.

℘ JOHN LINE.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
JULY THE 9TH. 1756.

Sail'd the Honble Companys Ship Delawar Thomas Winter for Bengal with a Detachment of Military and General Letter to the President & Council there dated this day. 20

Sail'd the Fanny Schooner William Holland for Bengal. —

Arriv'd ship Rubeira Abdula Rasoul from Calicut. —

D°. His Majesty's Ships Kent, Cumberland, Tyger and Salisbury from Fort St. David.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 19th. Instant. 21

D°. by Pattamars D°. Anjengo dated 30th. June. —

Arrived Sloop Sea Horse Christopher Oliphant from Fort St. David. 23

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Ingeram dated 6th. Instant. —

Sign'd General Letter to Messrs. Frederick Pigore Thomas Lockwood Richard Peisly and Francis Kinnersley Supra Cargoes of the Suffolk and Dispatches to Captain Wilson Commander of that Ship who sail'd the same day. 24

Sail'd Brigantine Talabel Shaik Hussein for Bengal. —

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 22d. Instant. —

D°. . . . . . from DeveCotah . . . . . 20th. Instant. —

AT A CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY THE 28TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 19th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

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General Letters read vizt. from Fort St. David.

No. 99 & 102 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David. The first dated the 19th. Instant requesting Us that they have laden on board his Majesty's Ship Tyger Sixty six (66) Bales and Fifteen (15) Candys of Indigo the Invoice of which they enclose; The other dated the 22d. July acquainting us that agreeable to our Directions of the 11th. Ultimo they had procured fifteen Candies of Indigo of the 1st. and 3d. Sorts which they have sent by His Majesty's Ship Tyger and by the best Information they can get they find that in time of Peace there is generally about Fifty (50) Candies produced annually in the Bounds and places adjacent, and eighty (80) when it is a very good Year but in War time the Quantity is precarious. That formerly between Three and Four hundred Candies might have been provided there but now the French having Possession of all the Indigo Grounds round their Bounds they will not allow any to pass. That their ballance of Cash being Pagodas Eleven thousand nine hundred and forty five (11945) & Rupees Ninety six thousand nine hundred and eighteen (96918) they submit to Us whether it is not necessary to have a further Supply when they have so much Reason to expect a War.

General Letters read. rom Anjengo.

No. 100 From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Anjengo dated the 30th June Enclosing a Duplicate Packet for the President & Council of Bombay which they desire us to forward immediately on the Receit of it.

from Ingeram.

No. 101 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 5th. Instant enclosing his Monthly Papers for June, and acquainting Us that he shall send his Books by next Conveyance. That one of his Garrison having deserted to Yanam he had demanded to have him delivered up agreeable to Treaty, but the Chief being absent at Narsipore the Gentlemen then on the Spot gave him for Answer that he could not comply with his Request without Orders from Monsieur Pannon the Chief to whom he should immediately send Notice; That in the meantime the Man was sent to Rajahmundrum with a French Peon for a Guide and when he demanded him a second time upon Mr. Bury's Arrival who has the Charge of that Settlement in the Chief's Absence, that Gentlemen told him that it was out of his Power to deliver up the Deserter as he was not in the Place—That for our more particular Information he encloses the Letters which passed between him & Mr. Bury. Cloth on hand L.C.O. Cor. Ps. 130. 5, L·C··M Cor. 49, L.C.F. Cor. 30, In all Cor. Ps. 209. 5.

General Letters read from Deve Cotah.

No. 103 From Mr. Dawsonne Drake Provisional Chief at DeveCotah dated 20th. July acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 22d. & 29th. Ultimo and acquainting Us that he shall strictly observe the forms of the Pagoda & Rupee Accounts enclosed in the latter, and that in future all Payments in Rupees on the Nabob's Account shall be charged at the Exchange of the day. That agreeable to our Orders he has admitted Christnah Row to the Management of the Devecotah Farm & Promised him all Assistance. That the new fortifications are in great forwardness & shall be compleated as speedily as possible, And enclosing a General Letter from Mr. Hume.

Advices to the Compy in regard to St. David Indigo.

Expt. Ware HoKr. to provide Musters of Indigo here &ca.

Agreed that the foregoing Advices from the Gentlemen at Fort St. David in regard to Musters of Indigo they have sent up and the quantity procurable there be inserted in the next General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors and it is Order'd that the Export Warehousekeeper provide a few Candys of each sort of Indigo procurable here and enquire how much may be provided at this Settlement.

Pattamars to Bombay.

Agreed that Pattamars be dispatched to Bombay with the Packet received from Anjengo for that Presidency.

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Prseident to write to Pondicherry about a Deserter from Ingeram.

The President is desired to write to the Governour of Pondicherry in regard to the Deserter mention'd by Mr. Westcott in his foregoing Letter.

Letter from Mr. Hume at Deve-Cotah referr'd to the Secret Committee.

The Letter from Mr. Hume to Mr. Dawsonne Drake at DeveCotah in relation to the Works carrying on there transmitted hither by the latter with his foregoing Letter is referr'd to the Secret Committee to do therein as they shall think fit.

Mr. Wynch applys for Orders in regard to his Commissarys Vouchers & other Papers.

Mr. Alexander Wynch agreeable to the Company's Orders being near his departure for Fort St. David tenders to the Board all his Vouchers during the time he acted as Commissary and being desirous of depositing them that recourse may be had to them whenever Occasion may require he desires the Board's direction thereon as well as on the following papers now Produced Vizt.

The King of Mysore's Vackeels Receit for Eleven Hundred (1100) Pagodas advanced him by Order of Council in May 1754.

Abdul Vahab Cawns order on the * Amuldar of Tripossore for a Lack of Rupees to be paid to the Company and the Amuldar's Note for the same of which Sum Sixty thousand (60,000) Rupees have been received and brought to the Companys Credit, but the Amuldar being removed from his Employ by Abdul Vahab Cawn the rest could not be recovered.

Mauphoos Cawn's Receit for Twenty five thousand (25000) Rupees when he march'd with Captain Campbell & Forbes to Join the Nabob at Trichinopoly.

Captain Dalton's Accounts of Trichinopoly passed by the Nabob.

Orders thereon.

ORDER'D that Mr. Wynch keep in his own possession the Vouchers for his transactions in the Commissarys Employ to be produced when called for; And that the other Papers abovementioned be deposited in the Secretary's Office with other Material Papers in the Chest kept for that purpose.

Mr. Brickenden desires a Recommendation to the Court of Directors to restore him to his Original Standing.

Letter from Mr. Richard Brickenden now at Deve Cotah read as enter'd hereafter, representing that after his admission into the Company's Service as a Writer having unfortunately been prevented from proceeding to India that Year by the Small Pox on which account tho' he was originally Station'd next to Mr. Stratton, he was afterwards appointed the last on that Years List whereby he was superseeded by Nine, and requesting that he may be recommended to the Honble Court of Directors to be restored to his Original Standing.

to be mentioned home.

AGREED that Mr. Brickenden's request be mention'd in the next General Letter.

Mr. Vaughan discharged from the Godolphin.

Letter from Captain William Hutchinson of the Godolphin read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that in Consequence of their Permission he has discharged Mr. George Vaughan a Midshipman from his Ship.

Dispatches for China-Ships to be prepared.

Redwood Dr. to Accot. Currt. London.

The Godolphin and Stormont being near ready ORDER'D that their dispatches for Canton be prepared and as the Redwood Laden on them as well as the Suffolk is but of small value that Account Current London be debted for the amount the Board thinking it not worth while on that account to open the Treasure Consign'd to the Supra Cargos.

* A renter, Collector of revenue—Love's Vestiges's, Vol. II page 290.

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Money paid in by Impt. WareKoHr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Three thousand Six hundred Pagodas (3600) on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Two thousand Six hundred (2600) Pagodas on his running Account.

Land Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Two hundred and ninety two Pagodas Eighteen fanams and thirty nine Cash (292–18–39) for the June Ballance of that Account.

Advances to the Commissary.

AGREED that the following Advances be made out of Cash and Treasury.

To the Commissary Six thousand (6000) Pagodas out of Cash & Twenty thousand (20000) Rupees out of the Treasury for the Charges of the Troops abroad &c^a^.

Storekr.

To the Storekeeper Five thousand (5000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Military Paymr.

To the Military Paymaster Four thousand (4000) Pagodas to pay the Military &c^a^. next Month.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas for the Charges of that employ of which Five thousand in fanams when a sufficient Number can be procured.

Military Storekr.

To the Military Storekeeper Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Gain on Exch of Pagodas this Month.

The President as Cash Keeper pays in Ten thousand Fanams which at the rate of 36 fanams ℔ Pagoda amount to two hundred and Seventy seven Pagodas twenty eight fanams (277. 28) being the Gain made this month on the Exchange of two thousand Pagodas into fanams at the rate of forty one fanams ℔ Pagoda.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Agreeable to Your Honour &c^a^. Permission I have given Mr. George Vaughan Midshipman his Discharge from the said Ship Godolphin.

I am with Great Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
W. HUTCHINSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
JULY 20TH. 1756.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I now take the Liberty of addressing Your Honour &ca. concerning an affair of the utmost consequence to me 'tis in regard to my keeping my Standing from the time I was appointed which was in December 1750, but being so unlucky to be taken ill, with the Small Pox about the time the ships were to sail for this Coast, by that I was detain'd, till 1752, I can't but think it extreamly hard, that I should be superceeded by those that were younger on the List than I was, which I am by nine Gentlemen, having so good a reason to plead for my being detain'd in Europe which I will submit to Your Honour &ca. Superior Judgment and consideration.

The enclosed is Copy of the Date of my Covenants, which I have now got, and may I hope be of some service to me.

If I could presume to take the liberty to entreat Your Honour &ca. to mention this in Your Letter to England in as favourable a light as possible, I then might have some hopes of being stated to my former rank, but without it all I can do will be nothing worth.

I hope Your Honour &ca. will Pardon the freedom I take in addressing You on an Affair so nearly concerns my welfare, and I beg leave to assure You that.

I am with Great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. & Obliged humble Servant
Richd. Brickenden.

DeveCotah,
20 July 1756.

P.S.—I take the Liberty to acquaint You that I was next to Mr. Stratton on the List when I was appointed.

Counterpart Covenants of Richard Brickenden Writer for Fort St. David dated 14th. December 1750.

Sign'd Dispatches for the Godolphin Captain Hutchinson for Canton with General Letter to Messrs. Shore, Searle, DeVisme & Harrington the Supra Cargoes. 19

Sail'd the Honble Companys Ship Godolphin William Hutchinson for Canton. 30

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Sail'd the Honble Companys Ship Stormont Josiah Hindman for Canton with General Letter to Messrs. Searle, De Visme & Harrington Supra Cargoes. 1

Arriv'd Schooner Geertruy Susanna, Antoni Petersz from Pallicat. 2

Received by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 15th. Ultimo and General Letter from Bengal dated 8th. June. 3

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TUESDAY THE 3RD.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation the 28th. Ultimo read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letter read from Bengal.

No. 104 From Roger Drake Esqr. Presidt. & Governour &ca. Council of Fort William dated the 8th. June Enclosing Triplicate of what they wrote Us a few days before & Copies of the Letters from the Gentlemen at Cassimbuzar giving the Account of the surrender of that Place to the Nabob And acquainting Us that they had received authentick Advices that the Nabob with his Artillery and a considerable Body of his Forces are on their Way down to Calcutta. That they are making all preparations for a vigorous Defence, but as their Garrison is extreamly weak they will endeavour to amuse him and avoid proceeding to Hostilities as long as they can, in hopes of our sending them a Reinforcement sufficient not only to repel those Troops but recover the Factory at Cossimbuzar. That as their Safety is at stake and only depends on the Relief We shall send they earnestly request We will not on any Motive neglect supplying them with the Number of Men they demanded otherwise We must excuse them if they exculpate themselves by protesting against Us for the bad Consquences. That as they are very deficient in Musket Shott & most kinds of Military Stores they expect We will send them proportionate Quantity of all of them, and also as much Gunpowder as We can; as it will be impossible for them to make any should the Town be invested & the Quantity they have by them will probably be expended by the time We can send any.

From Vizagaptm.

No. 105 From Charles Boddam Esqr. Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated 15th. July Enclosing their Cash Account for June and acquainting Us that they had just received a Packet from Bengal which they now forward to Us.

Resolution in regard to a further Detachmt. to be sent to Bengal.

The President reports to the Board from the Secret Committee that Salabad Jung having made pressing Sollicitations for a Detachment of our Forces to Join his Army the said Committee have had under Consideration whether his request could be complied with or not, and in the Course of their Deliberations have given it as their Opinion that Four hundred Men might be spared for that Service including the Train. The Board thereupon taking into Consideration the State of Affairs at Bengal and the pressing demand made by the President and Council there for Military are of Opinion that altho' Four hundred Men might be spared to Join Salabad Jing yet the same Number cannot prudently be detach'd for the Service in Bengal because in the first Instance it might reasonably be supposed that their Junction with Salabad Jing would draw off at least an equal Number of French Troops that way or if Occasion should require the party might be recalled but in case of sending such a Body of Men to Bengal it might be impossible to have them back here in time of Need nor would the French be under any necessity on that Account to lessen their Forces on the Coast. The Board are therefore of Opinion that not more than One hundred and Fifty Men can be spared from this Coast (besides those already sent by the Delawar) for the service of Bengal And it is AGREED to apply to Admiral Watson for the Twenty Gun Ship or Sloop belonging to His

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Majesty's Squadron to transport that Number of Men with Military Stores to Calcutta a Draught of a Letter to Admiral Watson for that purpose is now settled and is enter'd hereafter.

The Sea Horse Sloop to be hired to carry Gunpowder to Bengal.

Agreed that the Sea Horse Sloop Captain Oliphant now lying in the Road be Freighted on the Hon'ble Companys Account and dispatch'd as soon as possible to Bengal with Gunpowder and Ammunition.

Letter from Mr. Brohier proposing 10,000 Husbandmen to be furnished by the Renters for the Works.

The President lays before the Board a Letter address'd to him by Captain Brohier which is read (as enter'd hereafter) representing amongst other things that the Cooleys at present employed on the Works are not the tenth part sufficient to throw up such as are immediately necessary for the Security of the Place and that he believes ten thousand Husbandmen may be procured with their Tools out of all the places dependant on this Settlement if a proper Abatement be made to the Renters on their Farms for the time those people will be so employed. The President thereupon acquaints the Board that in Consequence of Mr. Brohier's Representation having sent for the several principal Renters and Order'd them to deliver in an Account of the Number of Husbandmen each of them could collect together in their several Districts to be employ'd on the Companys Works here, he had receiv'd Petitions from the Renters of Poonamallee, Tripossore, Covelong, Chingleput, Mannamangalum and St. Thome, which are now laid before the Board, whereby it appears that instead of Ten thousand Men they will undertake to furnish no more than three thousand and their estimate of the loss they shall sustain thereby as this is the Season for Sowing Sundry Sorts of Grain, amounts to no less a Sum than forty five thousand Pagodas for one Month, which Sum added to the price of their Labour on the Works, the Board think by far more than adequate to the Service they can perform, and therefore declines Mr. Brohier's proposal but will Endeavour by all reasonable means to procure as many Cooleys as possible which Resolution the Secretary is directed to Signify to Mr. Brohier and the Petition of the Poonamallee Renter and One of the other Petitions (the rest being of the same tenour) are order'd to be enter'd hereafter.

Resolution thereon.

Mr. Smith's Report of Mr. Hopkin's Gain by Batta on fanams.

The Secry. to demand of Mr. Hopkins the Acct. of over Charges.

Agreeable to Order of Consultation the 5th. Ultimo Mr. Smith now lays before the Board an Extract from the Devy Cottah Books of the Batta gain'd by Mr. Hopkins on the Exchange of Pagodas into fanams amounting to Pagodas One thousand nine hundred and seventy one (1971) Order'd that the Secretary demand of Mr. Hopkins payment of that sum with the amount of the Overcharges mention'd in Mr. Smith's Report in Consultation the 5th. Ultimo amounting together to Pagodas Two thousand five hundred and eleven, nine fanams and sixteen Cash (2511–9–16). A Copy of the Secretary's Letter to Mr. Hopkins on this Occasion is enter'd hereafter.

Mr. Brook's Account Presents to the King of the Burmars &ca. Order'd to be paid.

The President lays before the Board an Account of Sundry Presents made by Mr. Brooke whilst Chief of Negrais to the King of the Burmurs, his Ambassadors, Upper Rajah and other Great Men on various Occasions, which have not been brought to Account at the Negrais as Mr. Brooke being on his Return hither was desirous of fully explaining the necessity he was under of making those presents, and obtaining the Approbation of the Board before he Charged them to the Company. In the same Account is also contain'd the Wages paid by him to Sundry Lascars belonging to the Island who came with him in the Cuddalore Sloop being what was due to them at the time of their leaving the Island for the then Current Month, the whole amounting to Eleven hundred and Fifty Rupees two Annaes (1150. 2. –). The Board being satisfied of the necessity of the Presents—Order'd that the Paymaster discharge the Bill, and also One hundred Pagodas which it is Agreed to allow Mr. Brooke for the Charges of his Passage from the Negrais which on Account of the Season of the Year was of an extraordinary length and obliged him to put in at several Ports.

And he is allow'd 100 Pagodas for Charges of his Passage.

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Account Remains of Stores 30 June sign'd by Mr. Wynch & Smith. to be deposited in Accounts. Office.

Mr. Wynch being on his departure for Fort St. David lays before the Board an Account Remains of Stores under his Charge as Storekeeper the 30th. June at which time he deliver'd over that Employ to Mr. Smith this Account being sign'd by him and Mr. Smith is order'd to be deposited in the Accountants Office.

Storekeeper Account Loss by Rust &ca, for the Year 1756 Also Loss in West Coast Arrack & Sugar.

Mr. Wynch also lays before the Board the Account of deficiency & loss in the Stores under his Charge as Storekeeper for the Year ending 30th. April last, by Sale, worn out and decay'd by Rust &ca. amounting in the whole to One hundred and forty three Pagodas thirty two fanams and forty five Cash (143. 32. 45) also an Account of Loss on Sugar and * Arrack from the West Coast amounting to four hundred and Ninety Pagodas thirty four fanams and fifty five Cash (490–34–55) Order'd that the said deficiency be wrote off to Profit & Loss and that the Accounts be entered hereafter.

Mr. Simth Appointed of the Committee of Accts.

Agreed that Mr. John Smith be of the Committee of Accounts in the room of Mr. Wynch.

Committee of Accounts Report on the Presidency Accts. for March & April.

A Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 14th. Ultimo on the Accounts of this Presidency for March and April being read as enter'd hereafter the Board approve of the whole and Order the several Recommendations therein to be complied with as near as possible. And for the future guidance to the Committee of Accounts in their Examination of the Paymaster's Disbursements he is directed to draw out and lay invariable monthly Charges in his Account.

The following Accounts are now read and pass'd Viz.

MINT.

For the month of March—Ballance due to the Mint Sixty Current Pagodas, Eighteen fanams and Sixty Cash (60–18–60) And due from the Mint Seven hundred and seventy six Arcot Rupees and fifteen Annas (A Rs. 776. 15) and Two hundred & fifty (250) Madras Pagodas, Both which are carried forward.

For the month of April, Ballance carried forward, due from the Mint Seven hundred and Seventy Six (776) Arcot Rupees and Madras Pagodas One hundred and sixty six (166) And due to the Mint Twenty two Current Pagodas one fanam & seventy Cash Current Pagodas 22. 1. 70.

IMPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S.

For the month of March, Ballance due from him & carried forward One Thousand Five hundred & Seventy two Pagodas Eleven fanams and thirty four Cash (1572. 11. 34).

For the month of April, Ballance due from him & carried forward Seven hundred & Eighty Pagodas, Six fanams, & twenty five Cash (780. 6. 25).

EXPORT WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Four thousand three hundred and Seventeen Pagodas and thirty two Cash (4317–32).

For the month of April—Ballance due from him & carried forward Three thousand five hundred and fifrty five Pagodas Thirty five fanams and Seventy two Cash (3555. 35. 72).

* *N B.*—Of the deficiency in Arrack part arose from the smallness of the Casks which were incapable of containing what they are Invoiced at by 823 Gall. Vide Cons. the 28 July 1755.

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STOREKEEPER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Three hundred & fifteen Pagodas, Twenty nine fanams & forty nine Cash (315–29–49).

For the month of April—Ballance due from him and carried forward Five hundred and ninety seven Pagodas, five fanams & thirty eight Cash (597. 5. 38).

LAND CUSTOMER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Three hundred & sixty four Pagodas fourteen fanams & thirty eight Cash (364–14–38).

For the month of April—Ballance due from him & carried forward Three hundred & seven Pagodas, thirty three fanams & Twenty three Cash (307. 33. 23).

SEA CUSTOMER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Five thousand four hundred & twelve [Pagodas], Thirty one fanams & sixty eight Cash (5412. 31. 68).

For the month of April—Ballance due from him & carried forward Six thousand Six hundred & Sixty five Pagodas thirty two fanams [*sic*] and seventy three Cash (6665. 2.[*sic*] 73).

PAYMASTER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Nine thousand four hundred & Eighteen Pagodas two fanams and twenty seven Cash (9418. 2. 27).

For the month of April—Ballance due from him & carried forward Seven thousand One hundred and Sixty seven Pagodas twelve fanams and sixty Eight Cash (7167. 12. 68).

MILITARY PAYMASTER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Three thousand three hundred Pagodas five fanams and fourteen Cash (3300. 5. 14).

For the month of April—Ballance due from him & carried forward Five thousand & three Pagodas nine fanams & Seventy four Cash (5003. 9. 74).

MILITARY STOREKEEPER'S.

For the month of March—Ballance due from him & carried forward Five hundred & Sixty six Pagodas seven fanams & twenty three Cash (566. 7. 23).

For the Month of April—Ballance due from him & Carried forward One hundred & one Pagodas Fifteen fanams & Seventy nine Cash (101. 15. 79).

Another Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 14th. Ultimo on the Accounts of the Southern Settlement for March and April being read as enter'd hereafter the following Orders are made thereon Vizt. Committee of Accts. Report on the Sothern Settlements for March & April.

FORT ST. DAVID.

Paragraph 3. IMPORT WAREHOUSE—ORDER'D that when any Presents are Issued the Journal Entry Express particularly what the present consists of to whom given, and that it is by the Deputy Governours Order.

Paragraph. 4. STOREHOUSE—ORDER'D that particular care be taken to make Correspondent Entrys in the same Month in the Books of the several Employs for all transactions between them. All the other Observations and Recommendations in the said Report are approved and Order'd to be complied with as near as possible.

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Report Committee of Accots. of the Northern Settlemts. for March & April.

Another Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 14th. Ultimo on the Accounts of the Northern Settlements for March and April being read as enter'd hereafter the following Orders are made thereon.

VIZAGAPATAM.

Paragraph. 5. Agreed that it to be recommended to the Gentlemen there never to take Rupees out of Cash in lieu of Pagodas when it can be avoided.

Paragraphs. 7. Sea & River Customer—Order'd that particular care be taken to make Correspondent Entrys in the same Month in the Books of the several Employs for all transactions between them.

Paragraph. 6. The Subject of this Paragraph stands already referr'd back to the Committee of Accounts to reconsider & Report.

INGERAM.

Paragraph. 8. Agreed to write to Mr. Westcott to explain whether the Presents mention'd in this Paragraph were the usual Annual Presents or on what other Account.

All the other Observations & Recommendations in the said Report are approved and Order'd to be complied with as near as possible.

Another Report on the Camp and Out Garrisons for March & April.

Another Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 14th. Ultimo on the Accounts of the Camp and Out Garrisons for the Months of March and April being read as enter'd hereafter the Board have no remarks to make or directions to give thereon.

Another Report on the Committee of Works.

Another Report from the Committee of Accounts dated the 14th. Ultimo on the Accounts of the Committee of Works from Primo May 1754 to Ultimo April 1756 being read as enter'd hereafter the Board approve of the Method recommended for keeping those Accounts in future and order that it be observ'd both here and at Fort St. David.

The Committee of Works to Employ & pay An Assistant.

Messrs. Smith and Bourchier two of the Members of the Committee of Works acquaint the Board that they find it necessary to have a Writing Assistant for the Business of that Committee Agreed that the said Committee have leave to employ any person they can find sufficiently qualified (as none of the Company's Servants can be spared from their present Station) and pay him as he may deserve.

Certificate of Money to be paid in from the Mayors Caurt.

A Certificate being now laid before the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court that Mr. Daniel Morse the Register is to pay in the Sum of two hundred and forty Eight Pagodas thirty three fanams and ten Cash (248. 33. 10) and three hundred Arcot Rupees (300) A.R. to be placed to the Account of the Accountant General and to the Credit of the Estate of Captain Thomas White, a Receit is now Sign'd for the same by the Committee of Treasury and the above Sums order'd to be receiv'd into the Treasury accordingly.

Storker pays in June Ballance.

John Smith Storekeeper pays in Nine hundred Pagodas thirty two fanams (900. 32) being the Ballance of the Storekeepers Account for June transferr'd to him the last of that Month when he receiv'd charge of the Employ from Mr. Wynch.

Rent of Ruby Brokerage.

Linga Chittee Farmer of the Ruby Brokerage pays in One hundred and fifty two Pagodas Eighteen fanams (152. 18. –) for Six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June when the Cowle expired.

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Agreed that Twenty thousand Pagodas be sent to Fort St. David overland by Peons and that the following Advances be made out of Cash. **Money to be sent St. David.**

To the Storekeeper Six thousand (6000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. **Advance to the Storekr.**

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand (1000) Pagodas for making Gunpowder. **To the Mily Storekr.**

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month as enter'd hereafter Ballance remaining compared with the Chest, Eighteen thousand Nine hundred and Sixty nine Pagodas thirty one fanams and forty nine Cash (18969. 31. 49) which is carried forward. **July Cash Account.**

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Ar. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

To Charles Watson Esqr. Rear Admiral of the Red & Commander in Chief of all His Majesty's Ships & Vessells in India.

Sir

The President & Council of Bengal having in a Letter of the 7th. June advised Us that the Nabob of those parts had made himself Master of the Companys Settlement of Cossimbuzar and that he was then in full March with a considerable Army towards the Town of Calcutta which is the Principal Settlement of our Company in Bengal the Gentlemen there having but a thin Garrison wrote Us in very pressing terms to send them immediate Assistance. We accordingly laid aside our Intentions of dispatching the Delawar to England and embarked with all the Expedition. We were able [*sic*] as many Men as that Ship could receive on board which were about Two hundred and Thirty. We have great hopes this Reinforcement would reach them in time to prevent their Nabobs making any further progress but as it may not be altogether sufficient to enable the Gentlemen there to oblige him to retire to a proper distance, and having received fresh Letters requesting that the Supply We send may be as large as possible We think it incumbent on Us to send an Additional Force but not having a proper Conveyance We are under the necessity of troubling you with a Request that you will if possible spare the Twenty Gun Ship or the Sloop belonging to your Squadron to embark about One hundred and Fifty Men with a few Military Stores a List of which We take the Liberty to trouble you with And We are further to Request that you will direct the Captain of the Ship to give all Assistance either by Land or on float he may Judge himself capable of doing, if requested by the President & Council there.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedt. humble. Servt.
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George,
the 3d. Augt. 1756.

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List of Military Stores for Bengal.

Gunpowder	as much as the ship can carry.
Musket Cartridges	35 Casks
6 lb. shot	400
D°. Grape	200
two Cohorns &c^a^	200 Shells
Musket Ball	2 Casks q^ty^. 30,000

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour of Fort S^t^. George.

Honble Sir

As I think it my Duty to Represent to you what I conceive necessary to be done for securing this place against any Attempts from an Enemy, I must beg leave to acquaint you that since I have begun to Raise the Works to the Westward I find that notwithstanding there has been Two thousand Twenty three Coolies employ'd since the 12th. Instant There hardly Appears any thing to have been done, and as We have no less than Forty thousand Rods of Works to be thrown up for the Immediate security of this Place, and that what People we have is not the Tenth part of what We want to do it, And as I conceive it is of the greatest Importance to the Company to Effectuate the Speedy Security of the Town with all possible diligence, I believe that Ten thousand Husbandmen may be procured with their Tools. Out of All the places dependant on this Settlement if a proper Abatement be made to the Renters, on their farms for the time those people will be so employed and I am persuaded I shall then be able to secure the Place.

I must further beg leave to Represent that it is absolutely Necessary that all Timber Plank & firewood be brought into town or Under the Walls along the Seaside, to prevent an Enemy from making use of it in filling up Ditches Raising Works &c^a^.

I must also beg leave to Acquaint you that the North front is in a Defenceless Condition & Except Works are Thrown up to Cover it the Parapets will only serve to destroy what People will be posted to defend that Part of the Town.

These matters I have taken the Liberty to Represent, As of the utmost Importance to the Company's Welfare. And am most Respectfully

Honble Sir

Your most obedient and most
humble Servant

John Brohier.

Fort S^t^. George,
the 15th. July 1756.

N.B. July 12th.	Coolies employ'd	.. ..	431	
13th.	D°.	d°.	.. ..	669	
14th.	D°.	d°.	.. ..	923	
				——	2033 [sic]
This day			.. ..	1046	

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble Petition of Numboor Vencaty Soobiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country

SHEWETH

That if your Petitioner supplys 1000 Men daily for the Companys Works for the Space of one Month the Planting of the Corn called Caur in the present Month as well as Sowing Sumba Grain &ca. will be stopt, for which reason a Loss that shall Accrue to your Petitioner would amount to Pagodas 15000, for which you'll be pleased to grant to Your Petitioner a receipt.

According to the above Accounts it amounts to 30,000 Coolies for the whole Month which Your Petitioner will make it good ten days more or less, that is to say, if not in one Month in 40 days, You'll Order eight of the Companys Peons upon this Business. Some part of the last Years Corn is not yet thrashed which should be done by the Coolies and as they shall be employed in the Company's Works as aforesaid. Your Petitioner desires that you'll grant him a further time for the payment of the remaining of the last year's rent.

And Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall ever Pray.

SIGN'D BY VENCATA SOUBIAH.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

The humble Petition of Appauzy Ninary Renter of Conjeevaram and Chingalaput Countrys

SHEWETH

That your Petitioner was desired to declare his Ability, to supply the Cooleys for the Companys Works &ca. as your Honour is sensible of the great distance the said Countrys lay from Madras and this is the proper Season for Planting and sowing Grain, it would be needless for him to say much to your Honour on that head, he therefore declares that he agrees to supply 700 Men daily, for the space of one Month and as that amounts to 21000 Coolies for the whole month, your Petitioner will make that Number good ten days more or less, that is to say, if not in one Month in 40 days as to the Loss which may Accrue to your Petitioner therefrom your Petitioner will abide by your Determination as you may make it with regard to the Renter of Poonamallee.

The Commander of the Chingleput Fort always forcibly carrys the Labourers & Straw &ca. out of the said Country wherefore you will please to send a Letter to the said Commander not to trouble Your Petitioner there on that head & also please to give a further time of 2 Months for last payment of the Last Years Rent. Your Petitioner as in Duty bound shall Ever Pray.

SIGN'D BY VENCATACHELA PILLA.
Vackeel to Appauzy Ninar.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In Obedience to your Orders to extract from the Deve Cotah Books the Amount of Batta gain'd on the Exchange of Fanams, during Mr. Hopkin's being Chief of that place, I now lay before you a Calculate of it, accounting Forty one Fanams to the Pagoda, And the Sums so gain'd are express'd under their Respective Heads as follow

	P.	F.	C.
Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn	1065	—	—
Charges Extraordinary	548	—	—
Charges General	40	—	—
Fortifications & Repairs	108	—	—
Peons & Servants Wages	210	—	—
Pags. ...	1971	—	—

The Batta gain'd on the Exchange of Rupees That is, the difference between the Price of Rupees exchanged for the Company and charged to them again in Account, requires an Explanation from Mr. Hopkins. I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient & most humble. Servt.

John Smith.

Fort St. George,
the 26th. July 1756.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins.

Sir

The President & Council having had under Consideration your Answer dated the 19th. June 1756 to their Charge dated the 25th. May 1756. I am to acquaint you that they do not find any thing in your said Answer of sufficient weight to invalidate the proofs brought in support of the Charge, and therefore I have their Orders to demand of you on the Companys Account the amount of the following Overcharges in your Accounts vizt.

In 1755 April	Charged 12 days hire to 244 Cooleys carrying Stores to Camp	244	—	—			
	Paid only 10 days	131	19	20			
					112	16	60
	Charged Batta to Seapoys escorting those Stores	33	22	—			
	Paid only	22	—	—			
					11	22	
In June.	Charged Batta to Seapoys escorting Colonel Heron to Fort St. David	54	—	36			
	Paid only	28	6	—			
					25	30	36
In August	Charged 9 days hire to 315 Cooleys carrying Stores to camp	236	9	—			
	Paid only 8 days hire to 185 Coolies	123	12	—			
					112	33	—
	Carried over ..				262	30	16

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Brought over ..			262	30	16
Charged 18 days Batta to Seapoys escortg. those Stores	52	9 —			
Paid only 15 days	27	6 —			
			25	3	—
Charged Monthly Pagodas 6. 30 for two Cattamarans employ'd at the Barr to carry Notes to the Vessells which Cattamarans were not paid for 9 Months		..	61	18	—
Charged 4 Peons Wages to the Nabob which are also charged in the Peon Roll for 13 Months at Pagodas 6. 24 ₩ month		..	86	24	—
Charged 2 Tomtoms and 2 Crooked horn Fellows under the head of Charges Extraordinary which are also Charged in the Peon Roll for 25 Months at Pagodas 2. 24 ₩ month ..			66	24	—
Charged 1 Washerman under the head of Peons and Servants Wages at Pagodas 1 ₩ month which is entered in the Seapoy Roll as a Seapoy for 25 Months at Rupees 6 ₩ Month or Pagodas 172 ₩ Month			37	18	—

BATTA gained by you on the exchange of Pagodas into Fanams during the whole time of your being Chief of Deve Cotah, under the following Heads—

	P.			
NABOB MAHOMED ALLY CAWN	1065			
CHARGES EXTRAORDINARY	548			
CHARGES GENERAL	40			
FORTIFICATIONS & REPAIRS	108			
PEONS & SERVANTS WAGES	210			
		1971	—	—
Pags. ..		2511	9	16

making together the Sum of Two thousand five hundred and eleven Pagodas nine fanams and Sixteen Cash. I am

Sir

Your most humble servant

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 7TH. AUGT. 1756.

JOS. DUPRE
Secretary.

FORT ST. GEORGE 30TH APRIL 1755.

PROFIT & LOSS DR. TO SUNDRY ACCOUNTS PAGODAS 143. 32. 45 FOR SO MUCH LOST BY SALE, WORN OUT BY RUST &CA. ON THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS VIZT.

	lb.	qr.	lb.						
IRON Bar	10	1	72	19	33	65			
Bolt	11	1	26	34	33	70			
Rod	5	3	11½	14	22	60			
Hoop	1	3	2½	4	24	35			
							74	6	70
NAILS SMALL			lb.						
Pump			3	—	12	60			
Brads			8	—	30	—			
2d.			21½	1	28	40			
3d.			13½	—	33	60			
4d.			22	1	13	40			
6			41	2	4	70			
Scupper			3	—	6	40			
Closet			21½	1	12	30			
Deck			33	1	25	70			
							10	24	30[sic]
Carried over ..							84	31	20

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Brought over ..					84	31	20
NAILS MIDLING	lb.						
10d.	52	2	19	—			
20	151	6	10	40			
24	223½	9	10	70			
30	159¼	6	22	70			
40	111	4	22	40			
Sheathing	120	4	6	—	33	19	60
NAILS LARGE Spike 139¾		6	21	15			
Broad Head 22½ ..		—	33	60	7	17	75[*sic*].
STEEL 24¾					2	2	75
IRONMONGERS WARE	lb.						
Iron Plates	10¾				—	17	50
WIRE IRON	2				—	7	—
TAR & PITCH Tar (Barls. 2, Galls. 26)		7	31	65			
Pitch 72		1	13	40	9	9	25
TIMBER & PLANK							
Palmeras	60				4	18	—
STATIONARY Ink Glasses	12	—	12	60			
Fountain d°.	8	1	4	—	1	16	60
PAGODAS ..					143	32	45

ALEXR. WYNCH,
Storekr.

PROFIT & LOSS DR. TO PROVISIONS PAGODAS 490. 34. 55 BEING FOR SO MUCH FOUND SHORT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES FROM FORT MARLBOROUGH ℔ SHIP PRINCE GEORGE CAPTAIN JOHN ORMSTON VIZT.

	Ca.	Md.	lb.						
Sugar	3	15	19	@ P. 11	15	60			
℔ Ca.							43	12	15
Arrack 1780 Gallons ℔ f. 9–4¼ Gallon							447	22	40
							490	34	55

A. WYNCH,
Storekr.

TO THE HON'BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

1 We have examined the Accounts of the several Employs of this Settlement for the Months of March and April Vizt.

EXPORT WAREHOUSE
IMPORT WAREHOUSE
SEA CUSTOMS.
LAND CUSTOMS.
MINT.
TREASURY.
CASH.
STOREHOUSE CIVIL.
STOREHOUSE MILITARY.
ENGINEER'S.
PAYMASTER'S.
MILITARY PAYMASTER'S.

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2. . . The Paymaster's Accounts do not shew with sufficient Distinctness his Disbursements of Fanams. We think he should express in the Body of his Accounts as well as in his Account Current the number of fanams expended, in the method practiced by the Paymaster of Fort St. David.

3. . . The Military Paymaster has not drawn out his Account Current in the prescribed Form with double Setts of Columns, which he should be carefull to comply with in future.

4. . . We must recommend that all the Employs in General do particularize in an inner Sett of Columns, not only in their Accounts Current, but in all Cash Entries in the Body of their Accounts the Species in which the Receipts or Payments happend, And that the inner Sett of Columns, may be maintained with exactness, and be subject to a Ballance equally with the outer sett, it will be necessary whenever Pagodas are required to be changed into Fanams, that the Entry used on that occasion in the President's General Cash Accounts be observ'd.

5. . . We have nothing further to point out with Respect to the Accounts of this Settlement but give it as our Opinion they may be passed referring how ever as usual the Paymaster's Disbursements to the Inspection of your Honour &ca. We are with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble. Servants

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
Alexander Wynch.
John Walsh.
James Alexander.

Fort St. George,
14 July 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

1. . . We now present you with our Remarks on the Accounts of the Northern Settlement for the Months of March and April.

1st. Vizagapatam
Cash Account.

2. . . In March Account Current Fort St. George is Credited with the Supply of Rupees sent them but not the 5000 Pagodas, tho' the Ballance of Cash is made out as if the Credit had been duely made.

3. . . We observe a Charge for Cooley paid on Cloth from Upparra Tooney &ca. and Charges at that Settlement with Mr. Bochme's Pay for six Months amounting to Pagodas570—30 the particulars of which should have been transmitted.

4. . . There are many Entries in the Cash Account that would better appear in the Accounts of the Paymaster or the other Employs concern'd in the Transaction—such as Relisting Military.

Landing Ware & Stores
Freight for Do. &ca.

5. . . We find no part of the Rupees which were taken out in lieu of Pagodas at the Exchange of 400 ₰ % Ps. as Represented in our last Report to have been replaced in Cash indeed they had no Pagodas remaining the last of April to purchase the Rupees with.

WAREHOUSEKEEPER'S & STOREKEEPER'S ACCOUNTS.

6. . . These Employs have sent their Accounts for March and April and the Ballances for April We find paid in Rupees at the Exchange of 315 ₰ % at which rate the Wares & Stores had been sold. The Accounts Remains of these Employs are likewise come up.

SEA AND RIVER CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS.

7. . . The Account for April is transmitted the Ballance is mention'd as paid the 30th. April but there is no Entry of it in the Cash Account.

8. . . There is also come up an Account Current of Dubs sign'd by the Chief, which shews the Number of Dubs issued to the Paymaster & the Military to be 295·350 but it never mentions the quantity coin'd or what remain on Ballance. We think the Warekeeper should have the Charge of these Dubs & keep the Account of them.

2DLY. INGERAM.

9 We have nothing to remark on the Accounts of this Factory except large Presents made in April to the amount of Pagodas 260. 4. 21.

3DLY. MADDAPOLLAM.

10 With Respect to which Settlement we have nothing more to observe than what we reported to Your Honour &ca. in our last. We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient h'ble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
A. WYNCH.
J. WALSH.
J. ALEXANDER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14 JULY 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Para. 1. . . The following are Our Observations on the Accounts of the Southern Settlements for the Months of March & April.

1ST. FORT ST. DAVID EXPORT WAREHOUSE.

2. . . We observe the monthly Allowance of Wax 3 Md. 8 lb. to the Deputy Governour &ca.

	Pags. 12–34–72
Factors Provisions 1 Flask Rose Water for the Depty. Govr.	1 — —
	13 34 72

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As these Articles are never kept in Store but purchased & deliver'd out monthly; to prevent unnecessary Entries the Paymaster might pay the Amount to the Deputy Governr. &ca. bringing it under Charges General.

IMPORT WAREHOUSE.

3. . . Account Presents Pags 4, 31, 40 this is a trifling Amount but mention should nevertheless be made whether or no it was by Order.

STOREHOUSE.

4. . . In the Diary under date the 31st. March We find the following Entries Deliver'd the Military Storekeeper Naval Stores

Deliver'd the Military Storekeeper Naval stores

	Yds.				
Vittaree	122	... P.	18	27	66
Deliver'd for the Gun Carriages sundry stores the particulars are expressed			171	21	38

By the Storehouse Journal We find the several Articles were paid for, but we cannot discover by whom as no correspondent Entry appears either in the Paymaster's or Military Storekeeper's Accounts.

5. . . The purchase of Stores are not inserted in the Diary, which should never be neglected nor even the mention of the Person of whom each Purchase is made. The Form which has been transmitted them from hence will We hope prevent further Omissions of this kind.

MILITARY STOREHOUSE.

6. . . The Reasons for the Extravagance in the Adjutants draughts for Stores should be enquired into and all the unnecessary Supplies be prohibited in future. A regular Account of the Receipts Issues & Remains of such Stores should be produced monthly.

7. . . The Disbursements in this Employ being to a large Amount require the particular Attention of the Committee at St. David & it should be recommended to them to see the Madras form exactly followed in the Books of both Storehouses for the present Year.

8. { PAYMASTER
MILITARY PAYMASTER
SEA & LAND CUSTOMERS of Cuddalore & Tevenepatam.

We have nothing to remark on those Employ.

2 DEVE COTAH.

These Accounts for March & April have not been sent up for the Reasons given by Mr. Drake to your Honour &ca. We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT ORME.
AR. WYNCH.
JOHN WALSH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14TH. JULY 1756.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have inspected the Accounts of Trichinopoly, Arcot & Chingalaput & Camp Disbursements for the Months of March and April.

The Accounts of Trichinopoly for December and January which were mislaid when we made our last Report of the Out Garrisons have been also examined. We observe the Disbursements at Trichinopoly are reduced in the month of April by 10,000 Rupees occasion'd by a less number of Seapoys in pay there than before.

As it is impossible for Us to judge of the Justness of the several Charges at the Out Garrisons for the Reasons alledged in our last Report We can only inform your Honour &c^a. that the Calculations & Additions in their Accounts are right, with respect to the Camp Disbursements. We have nothing to remark to you.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
A. Wynch.
John Walsh.
James Alexander.

Fort S^t. George,
14th. July 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council of
Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have examined the Accounts of the Committee of Works from Primo May 1754 to Ultimo April 1756 consisting of the following Books.

Account Current in which each Person concern'd in providing Bricks Chunam or Firewood has a head.

Book of Monthly Receipts of Brick & Chunam.

Monthly Expence of D^o. on the Works.

Monthly Sale of D^o. to the Inhabitants.

Book of Committees Account Current with the Honble Comp^y.

Account Current of Bricks Chunam & Firewood.

Account of Profit & Loss on D^o.

Cash Book.

These might all be comprized in a regular Journal & Leidger with less labour & more Perspicuity. The Committee should open a head of Brick Kilns and carry from thence to their respective heads the several kinds of Bricks at a proper valuation. The present Remains of Bricks consisting of various kinds, not having been valued in this manner prevents a clear Insight whether Our Honble Masters have gain'd or lost by taking the Branch of Brick making into their hands.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^t. humble Servants
George Pigot &c^a. Committee.

Fort S^t. George,
14th. July 1756.

FORT St. GEORGE, JULY 1756

The Hon'ble United Companys Cash Dr.

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
1	To Ballance of last Months Account brought forward	14353	11265	60	14665	33	60
5	To Numboor Vencata Soubiah Farmer of the Poonamallee Country received of him as a Deposit and to remain as a Security towards Payment of the Rent of this Farm re-let to him the 1st. Instant ..	10000	—	—	10000	—	—
14	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Beetle & Tobacco Farmers rece'd of them in full for one Month Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	200	16800	—	666	24	—
–	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License recd of them in full for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	—	12000	—	333	12	—
—	To Mootiah Farmer of the Banksall recd of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. Ultimo	200	—	—	200	—	—
	Carried over ..	24753	40065	60	25865	33	60

Per Contra Cr.

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
1	By Rents & Revenues paid in full for Six Months of a Pension of 1000 Pagodas ℔ Annum settled on the Widow of Hussein Cawn Cauked late Killedar of Poonamallee and Causeein Cawn his Brother as by the Nabobs Saned ..	500	—	—	500	—	—
6	By John Smith Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	800	—	—	800	—	—
14	By Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	3000	—	—	3000	—	—
—	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca. ..	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
—	By Claud Russell Accountant General paid his Draft to Vencatama Widow of Tripatty Vencaty Krishnama Charloo deceas'd out of the moneys deposited on Account of sundy Persons unknown ..	637	18	—	637	18	—
10	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	—	36000	—	1000	—	—
	Carried over ..	6937	36018	—	7937	18	—

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	The Honble United Company's Cash *cont.*					Dr.	
	Brought over ..	24753	40065	60	25865	33	60
28	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him on his running Account	3600	—	—	3600	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea-customer recd of him on his running Account.	2500	3600	—	2600	—	—
—	To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him for the June Ballance of that Account	195	3510	39	292	18	39
30	To Current Pagodas recd from the Treasury ..	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
30	To Batta for the produce of 2000 Pagodas issued as ⅌ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at the rate of 41 fanams ⅌ Pagoda & brought to Account here at 36 fa. ⅌ Pagoda ..	—	82000	—	2277	28	—
	Carried over ..	51048	129176	19	54636	8	19

	Per Contra—*cont.*					Cr.	
	Brought over ..	6937	36018	—	7937	18	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ.	1500	—	—	1500	—	—
—	By Mussoolah Boats paid John Line the Carpenter the Ballance of his Account for repairing & rebuilding 50 Mussoolah Boats ..	478	30	50	478	30	50
28	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops abroad &c	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
—	By John Smith Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	5000	—	—	5000	—	—
30	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	5000	72000	—	7000	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ca. next Month	4000	—	—	4000	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1500	—	—	1500	—	—
	Carried over ..	30415	108048	50	33416	12	50

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THE HON^BLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH—*cont.* DR.

	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C
Brought over ..	51048	129176	19	54636	8	19
STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS ..	51048	129176	19	54636	8	19

PER CONTRA—*cont.* CR.

		P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
	Brought over	30415	108048	50	33416	12	—
—	By Account Current London, gave Mr. John Walsh as a present from the Honble Court of Directors agreeable to the 120th Paragraph of thei Commands dated 19th. December 1755 and Consultation the 5th. Instant £ 100 at 8/ ₰ Pagoda	250	—	—	250	—	—
31	By Batta Issued in the Course of this Month for the purchase of fanams as ₰ Contra.	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
		32665	108048	50	35666	12	50
31	By Ballance carried to next Months Account	18383	21127	49	18969	31	49
	STAR OR CURRENT PAGODAS ..	51048	129176	19	54636	8	19

ERRORS EXCEPTED
₰ GEORGE PIGOT.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756* —

4 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 2d. Instant and from Deve Cotah dated the 29th. Ultimo.

Sign'd General Letter to the President & Council of Bengal to go by the Sea Horse Sloop dated this day.

— Arrived Richard Starke Esq. from Fort St. David overland.

5 Sail'd Ship Mary William Ormston for Malacca & the Malabar Coast.

— Do. Sloop Sea Horse Christopher Oliphant for Vizagapatam & Bengal.

6 Do. Sloop Geertruy Susanna Antoni Peters for Negapatam.

7 Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 5 Augt. 1756.

8 Sent by Peons Twenty thousand Pagodas to Fort St. David with a Letter of this date from the Secretary.

— Sail'd Sloop Wilhelma Maria Charles Bruce for Bengal.

— Arrived the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon Assim Condou from Fort St. David.

— Arrived the Honble Companys Ship Caernarvon Norton Hutchinson from England with a Packet for this Presidency.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

SUNDAY THE 8 AUGT.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packet from England ℘ Caernarvon open'd.

The Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency by the Caernarvon being brought ashore is now open'd and the Papers therein Contain'd being agreeable to the List of the Packet the General Letter and other Material Papers are found to be of the same tenour with those Already receiv'd by the Suffolk, Stormont & Godolphin.

brings an Account of the Loss of the Dodington.

The Caernarvon having touch'd at Madagascar found there part of the Crew of the Dodington which Ship was wreck'd on the Island of Chaos lying upwards of 7 Degrees to the Eastward of Cape Lagullas and about two Leagues from the African Shore.

Secry to get a particular Account of the loss.

ORDER'D that the Secretary apply to Mr. Jones who was the Chief Mate of the Dodington and is one of the Persons saved, for a particular Account of the Loss of that Ship to be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors.

Caernarvon to be unloaded expeditiously.

ORDER'D that the Caernarvon be unloaded with all possible Expedition in order to be dispatch'd to Canton if she can be got ready in time.

Order for delivery of Treasure.

An Order is now Sign'd to Captain Hutchinson for the delivery of the Military Treasure Wares & Stores by the Caernarvon Consign'd to this Presidency.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756* —

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. 8

Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Tellicherry dated 11th. July.

Arriv'd the Honble Companys Ship Marlbro Alexander Macleod from England and Madeira with Packets for this Presidency. Messrs. James Hay, Alexander Leigh, John Crawford, Henry Parsons, Thomas Lane, William Stevenson, James Taylor & Richard Fitzpatrick Passengers Writers for this Presidency. 10

AT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY THE 10TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Packet from England ℣ Marlbro'.

The Packet by the Marlborough from the Honble Court of Directors for this Presidency being brought on Shore is now open'd and the Papers therein contain'd are found agreeable to the List of the Packet. Duplicates of the General Letters and the other Material Papers have already been receiv'd by the Caernarvon and other China ships.

General Letter from Madeira.

General Letter from Messrs. Chambers, Hiccox and Chambers at Madeira dated the 19th. March 1756 is now read advising that they have Consign'd Us by the Marlbro One hundred and fifty (150) Pipes of Madeira Wine and the like Quantity to the Gentlemen at Bengal which turn out twenty two shillings ℣ Pipe Cheaper this Year than the last, the Vintage having proved large. That the Honble Court of Directors having transmitted them an Account of the Gauge of the Wine sent Us by the St. George in 1754 they are much concern'd as well as surprised at the deficiency, as they always give Orders to their Cooper to make the Casks full One hundred and fifteen (115) Gallons rather more than less, however to prevent any thing of the like Nature in the Quantity now sent Us they have desired Captain Macleod to let his Purser & Cooper (the latter of which was brought us in the Wine Trade) to inspect the Gauge of each Cask which they find one with another to hold their proper Measure.

Order to Survey Stowage.

ORDER'D that the Stowage of the Madeira Wine on board the Marlbro' be Survey'd and Reported as Usual.

Order for delivery of Cargo.

An Order to Captain Macleod is now Sign'd for delivery of the Treasure Military &ca. Consign'd to this Presidency by the Marlbro'.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 25th. Ultimo. 11

Sailed Ship Rubeira, Abdul Rasonal for Ganjam. 13

— FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756 —

AT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY THE 14TH AUGT.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the three last Consultations dated the 3d. 8th. & 10th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read From St. David.

General Letters read Vizt.

No. 106 & No. 108 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David. The first dated the 2d. Instant Acquainting Us that the Dragon Sloop arrived there the 31st. Ultimo & shall be return'd as soon as the Stores are landed. That as they are in great want of the several Articles in their Civil & Military Indents already sent Us, they request to be furnish'd with them as soon as possible also with a Supply of Cash. The other dated the 5th. Instant accompanying their Consultations & Monthly Accounts for June and acquainting Us that the Dragon Sloop sailed that day for this Place, That in Consequence of the Report from their Committee of Accounts which they now enclose they intend appointing one of the Covenant Servants to Muster & Station the Lascars every Morning and to keep a regular Account of those that are absent that Stoppages may be kept from them and carried to the Companys Credit, which they hope will meet with our Approbation as it may be the Means of putting a stop to many Abuses.

Deve Cotah. General Letters read.

No. 107 From Mr. James Bourchier Chief of DeveCotah dated the 29th. Ultimo Acquainting Us that pursuant to our Directions he has taken upon him the Charge of that Settlement but the Month being nigh elaps'd he has deferr'd taking the Account Remains till Mr. Drake has compleated the monthly Accounts when every thing can be more easily adjusted. That as he is inform'd by Mr. Drake that Mr. Hume's opinion of the necessity of carrying the New Works speedily into Execution has been already transmitted Us he shall wait our directions on that head. That he hopes We will comply with Mr. Humes Indent for Stores which he now encloses & That they are in great distress for Gun Carriages having but four that can be depended on in case of Necessity but Mr. Hume assures him, that if We should send Plank fit for the purpose he shall be able to have all that are wanted for the Garrison compleated during the Monsoons when their People cannot be employed on any other Business.

from Tellicherry.

No. 109 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 11th. July acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 12th. May and acquainting Us that on the 21st. of the preceeding Month at Midnight, the 3d. King of Nelleaseram had taken a Fort from the French called Mollaly which is situated a few Leagues to the Northward of them & maintained the Communication of the Forts of Ramdelly & Nelleaseram which are adjacent thereto & are Part of the Possessions the French acquired from the late Troubles in which Tellicherry was involved with the Prince of Cherica. That this Loss has alarm'd the French so greatly that they have been obliged to apply to several of the Powers in that Country for Assistance and tho' they have had a supply of a thousand Men from the Prince of Cherica it is much doubted if they will be able to maintain their Possessions to the Northward untill a Reinforcement can arrive from this side.

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N°. 110 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 25th. July acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 9th. of that Month and promising to pay a due Regard to the Injunctions therein Accompanying a Duplicate sett of his Books for last Year and acquainting Us that the Nineteen Pagodas for which General Stores was credited by Cash in February last was for Two Candy of Iron sold, which was mention'd in the Journal but omitted in the Account sent Us. And that in future he shall be very carefull to particularize every Article in his Accounts. Bendarmalanka.

The Board approve of the Regulations made by the Deputy Governour & Council of Fort St. David in the management and employment of the Lascars. Regulation of the Lascars of St. David approved.

Agreed that the Indent enclosed in the foregoing Letter from Deve Cotah as well as the Paragraph in the said Letter relating to Gun Carriages be referr'd to the Secret Committee to do therein as they shall think fit. Deve Cotah Indent referr'd to the Committee.

A Letter from Rear Admiral Watson dated the 4th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter being in Answer to the Letter wrote him the * 3d. Instant acquainting the Board that he had Order'd the Twenty Gun Ship and Sloop to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Sea at a Moments warning, that he would Order the Captain of the Twenty Gun Ships to remain at Bengal as long as he could be of any material Service there, and that he will give Orders for receiving on board the Number of Military mention'd in the Letter wrote him with as many of the Military Stores as could be stowed. Letter from Admiral Watson. * Vide—Min. of Cons. 3d. Ins.

The President acquaints the Board that the Military Order'd from Camp to be sent to Bengal are come in Agreed that they be embarqued on Tuesday next on board His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater and that Admiral Watson be desired to direct the Captain of that Ship to touch at Vizagapatam for Intelligence and to land there a Consignment of Treasure for the Service of the Northern Settlements and it is Agreed that the said Consignment consists of Thirty thousand Rupees and Ten thousand Pagodas for Vizagapatam, Ten thousand Pagodas for Ingeram and the same Sum for Madapollam. Military for Bengal to be embarqued next Tuesday. Ship to touch at Vizagapatam for Intelligence & to land Treasure.

Letter from Mr. Charles Hopkins dated the 9th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter acknowledging the Receit of a Letter from the Secretary making a demand of Pagodas Two thousand Five hundred and eleven nine fanams and sixteen Cash (2511. 9. 16) and acquainting the Board that as it has ever been his Intention to regulate himself by their determination so he hopes and requests that in order to enable him to discharge the said sum Mr. James Bourchier, Chief of Deve Cotah may be directed to assist him in Collecting the Outstanding Debts due to him in the Chicallv and other Countries in the King of Tanjores Dominions and also that Mootiah & Comrapah Conicoplies now under Confinement may be directed to settle their Accounts with him. Letter from Mr. Charles Hopkins.

Agreed that the Chief of Deve Cotah be directed to give Mr. Hopkins all reasonable Assistance in recovering his said Debts and that the said Conicoplies be directed to settle their Accounts with him. Order thereon.

A Report from Captains Edward Burman and Francis Taylor is now read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that they had surveyed the Stowage of the Madeira Wine on board the Marlbro' which they find in good order the Casks being Bung up and Bulge free. Report Survey of Madeira Wine ℔ Marlbro'.

The President acquaints the Board that agreeable to resolution of Consultation the 25th. of May, the House adjoining to the Mint Godown in Choultry Gate Street belonging to the Estate of Coja Petrus Uscan an Armenian deceased having been put up at Outcry at the sea Gate the 12th. Instant was purchased by the Secretary for the Company at the price of One thousand and ten Pagodas Order'd that when the proper Conveyances are Executed the said sum be paid out of Cash to the Executors of the said Coja Petrus Uscan. House in Choultry Gate Street purchase for the Company.

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Account laid before the Board between the Company & Coja Shawmeer.

Agreeable to the Companys directions in Paragraph 101 of their General Letter dated the 19 December 1755 an Account is now laid before the Board (stated by the Accountant in the manner directed in the said Paragraph) of the demand made by Coja Shawmeer Sultan for part of the Principal and Interest due to him on a Bond from the President & Council of this Settlement dated 7 August 1745, the Ballance whereof due to him is Arcot Rupees Twenty three thousand three hundred and forty seven, seven Anaes (23,347–7). Another Account of the said Deceased is also now laid before the Board stated by the said Coja Shawmeer Sultan in a different manner whereby Interest being computed on Interest from a certain period the Ballance amounts to Arcot Rupees Twenty six thousand Five hundred and twelve ten Annaes and nine pice (26512. 10. 9) Agreed that the sum of Arcot Rupees Twenty three thousand three hundred and forty seven seven Annaes (23347–7) being the Ballance of the Account stated according to the Companys Orders be paid to Coja Shawmeer Sultan on his delivering up the said Bond duly discharged and that a Copy of the Account stated by the said Coja Shawmeer Sultan as above be transmitted to the Honble Court of Directors for their observation. The said Accounts are enter'd hereafter.

Ballance to be paid him.

Copy of his Account to be sent home.

Freight for Rupees to Bengal Ꝑ Norwood.

Agreed that seven Ꝑ Mill be allowed the Owners of the Norwood for the Freight of a Lack of Rupees sent to Bengal on that Ship amounting to Seven hundred Rupees.

Report of the Hospital House. to lye on the Table.

A Letter from the Committee of Works read, being their Report of the value of the Houses Rented in the Peddanaigues Pettah for an Hospital. Order'd that the said Report do lye on the Table to be consider'd after the Arrival of the latter Ships from Europe.

Report of the Deve-Cotah Renters Juncan.

A Letter from Messrs. John Smith and Charles Bourchier read containing their Report in regard to the Juncan claim'd by the former Renters of Deve-Cotah on their Cowle which expired the 31st. May 1755. Order'd that the said Report do lye on the Table to be further Consider'd.

Lieutenants Comms. for Messrs. Wood & Ogilvie.

Agreed that Lieutenants Commissions be granted to Messrs. John Wood and James Ogilvie who are at present Ensigns that M^{r}. Woods be dated the 1st. and M^{r}. Ogilvies the 2^{d}. Instant.

Impt. Ware Ho. Kr. Account Deficiency Ꝑ sundry Ships.

The Import Ware Housekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter an Account of Damages & short deliverys by the Ships Delawar Godolphin & Stormont.

Money paid in by Impt. Ware Ho. Kr.

Henry Powney Import Ware House keeeper pays in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Expt. Ware Ho. Kr. & Advance to Do.

Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodays in fanams at thirty six Ꝑ Pagoda being the produce of Rice sold And desires an Advance of Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas in Gold for the Charges of that Employ which is Granted.

Rent paid in Poonamallee.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamalle Country pays in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas in part of six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June last.

Beetle & Tobacco.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chittee pays in the following Rents Viz^{t}.

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Six hundred and Sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) in full for one Months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. July last.

Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333. 12) in full for one Months Rent of the Arrack & Wine Licence due the 1st. July last AND **Arrack & Wine.**

One hundred and Sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166. 24) in full for two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. July last. **Measuring Duty.**

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

GENTLEMEN

I this Evening have receiv'd your Letter of yesterdays date, acquainting me with the troubles at Bengall, and desiring me to spare the Twenty Gun Ship or Sloop, to receive One hundred and fifty Troops and a quantity of Military Stores, and to proceed with them to that Place.

Mr. Pigot had already applied to me for that purpose, in consequence of which I order'd the Twenty Gun Ship and Sloop to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Sea at a Moments warning. I likewise acquainted Mr. Pigot I would write to the Governour of Bengal, that the Captain of the Twenty Gun Ship had my Order to remain there so long as he could be of any material Service to them.

Captain Smith will have my directions to receive the number of Men you mention, and as many of the Military Stores as he can stow, and will immediately proceed to Bengal as soon as they are all embarqued.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant

CHARLES WATSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4 AUGT. 1756.

TO THE HON̄BLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

I have receiv'd a Letter of the 7th. Instant from Mr. Secretary Dupre informing me that Your Honour &ca. have directed him to receive from me the sum of Two thousand five hundred & eleven Pagodas, nine fanams & sixteen Cash. As on the one hand it has ever been my intention to regulate my conduct by whatever determination You should be pleas'd to come to so on the other I hope it will not be thought unreasonable, or be taken amiss, if in my own behalf I solicit the kind assistance of Your Honour &ca. to enable me to Answer so considerable a demand by the use of Your Power and Influence in collecting the outstanding debts due to me from the Renters of the Chially and other countrys in the King of Tanjours dominions in recommending it, in the

manner You shall deem the most effectual, to Mr. James Bourchier Chief of Deve Cotah, as otherwise I cannot conceive any means which can possibly enable me to discharge such a demand.

And to make me still further capable of doing so, necessity forces me to beg Your Honour &ca. will indulge me with granting me the additional favour of ordering Mootiah & Comrapah Conicoplys in custody of the Peddannaigue to adjust & settle their accounts with me, as without such indulgence & assistance certain ruin & misery must be the unhappy fate of myself & family.

In the mean time permit me to subscribe myself with all imaginable deference.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient most Obliged & most h'ble Sert.

Chs. Hopkins.

St. Thome,
9 Augt. 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to your Request we have been on Board the Companys Ship Marlbro' and Survey'd the Stowage of the Madeira, which so far as we can discover is well stowed the Casks being bung up & Bulge free.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most humble and most Obedient Servants

E. Burman.
Fras. Taylor.

Fort St. George,
Augt. the 13th. 1756.

COJA SHAWMEER SULTAN HIS ACCOUNTWITH THE HONBLE COMPANY.

DR.

Date		Particulars				
1748 OCTOBER	4	To a Bill of Exchange given to the Hon'ble William Wake Esqr. by Coja Shawmir Sultan payable to the Honble Charles Floyer Esqr. which Bill was Endorsed of the Bond given by the late President & Council. B'bay Rupees	8580	1	36	
		Batta on the Ex. 2 ₩' c.	171	14.	44	
						8572 — — [sic]
1756 AUGUST	14	To Interest thereon, to this day allowing 11 Days for the Alteration in the Stile @ 8 ₩ Ct. ₩ Annum is ..	YRS. 7	M. 10	D. —	5484 9 —
		To Ballance rec'd of the Honble George Pigot Esqr. &ca. Co ..			..	23347 7 —
			A. RUPS.		..	37584 — — [sic]

CR.

Date		Particulars				
1745 AUGUST	7	By Cash receiv'd for which a Bond of this date was given by the late President & Council			..	20,000 — —
1756 AUGUST	14	By Interest thereon to this Day Allowing 11 days for the Alteration in the Stile @ 8 ₩ Ct. ₩ Annum is	YRS. 10	M. 11	D. 27	17,584 — —
			A. RUPS.		..	37,584 — —

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

ROBERT ORME,

Accomptant.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756—

The Hon~ble Company Fort St. David Account.

Dr.

Date		Particulars	Yrs.	M.	d.	A.Rs.		
1745 August	7	To Cash Receiv'd for which a Bond of this date was given by the late President & Council				20,000	—	—
1748 Octr.	4	To Interest thereon to this day at 8 ℔ Ct. ℔ Annum is ..	3	1	27	5053	5	4
		A. Rups. ..				25053	5	4

Cr.

Date		Particulars				A.Rs.		
1748 October	4	By a Bill of Exchange given to the Hon~ble William Wake Esqr. by Coja Shawmir Sultan payable to the Hon~ble Charles Floyer Esqr which Bill was endorsed of the Bond given by the late President and Council						
		Bombay Rupees ..	8580	1	36			
		Batta on the Exchange 2 ℔ Ct.	171	—	—			
						8572	—	— [sic]
		By Ballance				16301	5	4
		A. Rups. ..				25053	5	4

Fort St. David the 4 Octr. 1748.

Errors Excepted.

℔ Shawmir Sultan.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756 ——

Dr. THE HON~BLE COMPANY FORT ST. GEORGE ACCOUNT. Cr.

				A Rs.									
1748 October 4th.	To Ballance of Fort St. David Accot. brought forward ..	..		16301	5	4	1756 August	14	By Cash receiv'd of the Hon~'ble George Pigot Esqr. & Council ..		23347	7	—
									By Ballance		3165	3	9
1756 August 14.	To Interest thereon to this day @ 8 ₰ Ct. ₰ Annum is ..	Yrs. 7	m. 9	d. 27									
				10211	5	5							
	A. Rups. ..			26512	10	9				A. Rups. ..	26512	10	9

FORT ST. GEORGE THE 14TH. AUGUST 1756.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

₰ SHAWMIR SULTAN.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756—

ACCOUNT OF GOODS DAMAGED & DEFICIENT ⅌ SHIPS DELAWAR GODOLPHIN & STORMONT.

⅌ SHIP DELAWAR.

SCARLET Damaged by holes being rub'd in two Bales against the Ships side 2 Ps.	£ 14	—	—				
ORDINARY RED D°. D°. 1 Ps.	4	14	6				
COPPER deficient in quantity 3 Plates poizg. 22 lb. @ £ 118·16 ⅌ Ton	1	3	4				
LEAD Deficient in wt. 11 φ. 2 qrs. 24 lb. @ S. 19 ⅌ φ ..	11	2	6				
	£ 31	—	4				
Europe Charges 72 ⅌ Ct. ..	—	3	1				
	31	3	5				
Advance 30 ⅌ Ct. ..	9	7	—				
	40	10	5	@			
8 shillgs. ⅌ P. ..					101	10	70

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15 JULY 1756.

⅌ SHIP GODOLPHIN.

COPPER deficient in quantity 15 Plates Pz. 2 φ @ £121 ⅌ Ton	£ 12	2	—				
Europe Charges ½ ⅌ Ct. ..	—	1	2				
	12	3	2				
Advance 3 ⅌ C . ..	3	12	11				
	15	16	1	@			
S 8. P. ..					39	18	30

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28 JULY 1756.

⅌ SHIP STORMONT.

COPPER deficient in quantity 6 Plates Pz. 2 φ 23 qr. lb. @ £ 118·16 ⅌ Ton	£ 4	3	10				
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@ 8 shillgs. P. ..					30	3	30

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31ST. JULY 1756.

HENRY POWNEY,
Impt. Ware Ho.Kr.

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Received by Pattamar General Letter from Bombay dated 16th. June. **15**

In the Evening receiv'd by French Pattamars via Metchlepatam a General Letter from Messrs. Watts & Collet Dated at Chandenagore the 2d. July 1756. **16**

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT. **TUESDAY THE 17TH.**

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.

ROBERT ORME. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.

JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The President acquaints the Board that he had summon'd them to Communicate the Contents of a Letter receiv'd last Night from Messrs. Watts & Collet advising of the loss of Fort William which Letter is now read as follows.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST. GEORGE
&CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

It is with the utmost concern We now inform you that Fort William was taken by the Moors the 20th. Ultimo the rise of these troubles are as follows.

The Nabob under various pretence sent a Guard upon our Factory at Cossimbuzar to stop Our business as is Customary in this Country when they have any demand on the Europeans and daily increased the Force till the Factory was surrounded by His whole Army which by the most moderate Computation consisted of about 10,000 Horse 20,000 Rageput Gun Men and a large Train of Artillery and then demanded Mr. Watts to go out and see him the Nabob's Duan who commanded the Van of the Army writing Mr. Watts a Letter that He might go out with great safety that no Harm should happen and that He would introduce him to the Nabob upon this. We thought proper to send the Surgeon of the Factory to the Duan and he gave him the same assurances: and sent him back with a considerable Person & a present of Beetle (which is esteem'd a Pledge of Faith) to accompany the Chief to the Nabob accordingly agreeable to the Unanimous opinion of the Gentlemen of the Factory and Officer of the Garrison the Chief went and was introduced to the Nabob who immediately Order'd Him into Confinement and insisted on His giving an Obligation that in Fifteen Days time the Gentlemen of Calcutta should Level what new Works they had raised deliver up the Nabobs Tenants who had fled for Protection there and that if it could be proved that We had Falsified the Companys Dustucks by giving them to those that had no right to them. We should pay back what the Government had suffered by Loss of Duties the Chief being in their hands was obliged to sign this they then told Him that His signing was of no consequence without the rest of the Council accordingly upon the Surgeons returning to the Factory and acquainting Messrs. Collet & Batson that it was necessary they should go to the Chief in order to make an End of the Affair they went and were detain'd Prisoners nothing more being said about the Obligation the Chief had signed (the Chief solemnly Asserts that He told the Surgeon to let Messrs. Collet & Batson know He did not think it advisable for them to quit the Factory) the next Day We were order'd to deliver up Our Cannon & Ammunition which We complied with in hopes entirely to pacify the Nabob, the Army then drew off from the Factory. Mr. Batson was sent back to the Factory & Messrs. Watts & Collet kept Prisoners in the Camp which

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then bent its March towards Calcutta. We have since heard All the Godowns at Cossimbuzar were seal'd up with the Nabobs Seal and the Soldiers remaining in the Factory carried Prisoners to Muxadavad.

As the Chiefs going out of the Factory may perhaps appear extraordinary We think it necessary to give Our Reason for taking such a step it has been always Customary in Bengal for the Chiefs of the Subordinates to Visit the Nabobs of the Province and We had great reason to believe that on paying this Visit We should be able to accommodate matters and prevent His March to Calcutta. If We had refused Our Factory must inevitably have fallen into their hands with all the Companys Effects Outstanding in Bengall. Our Garrison being in no condition to make a defence against so large a Force Our Factory being surrounded on three sides by Houses which Overlooked our Bastians & some not Thirty Yards from the Bastian most of Our Guns were Honey Combed & carriages Rotten though We had repeatedly Indented to Calcutta for new Ones. Our Garrison consisted of about 50 Soldiers most of which were Black Portugueze We had about 80 Maunds of Powder but few or no shot or Granades. We might possibly with this Force have held out 3 or 4 Days which would not have prevented the consequence that have since happened and We undoubtedly should have been Blamed for having commenced a War with the Government and We are very sensible had the Gentlemen of Calcutta thought proper to Treat Affairs might have been accommodated even when the Nabob was on his March.

We can give no certain Account how Calcutta was taken. We being then Prisoners in the Camp but We have since heard the Governour Commandant and several other Gentlemen of the Council with part of the Garrison quitted the Fort and retired on Board their Ships which flung the rest into Panick and Confusion, which occasion'd the Fort to be Surrender'd to the Moors. We hear Mr. Holwell was taken Prisoner in the Fort and is in Irons. We have no certain News of the Fate of the other Subordinates but it is reported they are Plunder'd. Most of the Companys Servants that remain'd when the Governour &ca. went away were either killed or have since Died by ill Usage.

We shall address your Honour &ca. again when We can do it with more certainty.

We were releas'd about four days ago & Agreeable to our desire were deliver'd to the care of the French who has the Nabobs Orders to send Us safe to Madras inclosed is a Copy of a Letter from the Nabob to the director of Chandenagore as also One to the Governour of Fort St. George. The Civilitys that We and all the English have receiv'd from this Settlement requires the greatest Acknowledgments lest any false reports should reach Your Honour &ca. We can assure you that to the best of Our Knowledge the French have given no Assistance to the Country Government but have suffer'd greatly themselves having been obliged to Pay 400,000 Rupees & the Dutch as much or more.

We beg the favour of your Honour &ca. to represent to Our Honble Masters Our distressed situation by the first conveyance and We hope from their Candour that the part We have acted will not be disapproved of As We are conscious to Ourselves that had the Governour & Council made any Proposals to the Government Affairs might have been accommodated. Fort William subsisted and their Effects at the Subordinates and the Arungo safe but by all Accounts they were as averse to any Terms of Peace as they were incapable of War.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servants,

Wm. Watts.
M. Collet.

Chandenagore,
the 2d. July 1756.

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The President also lays before the Board the Translation of the Copys of two Letters one from the Nabob of Bengal to him, the Original whereof is Committed to the care of Mr. Watts, the other from the Nabob of Bengal to the French Director at Chandernagore, which are as follow.

A COPY OF A* PERWANA (OR LETTER) FROM NABOB MANSOOREL MULOCK SERAJAH DOWLAH BAHADUR HAYABET JUNG TO THE GOMASTA OF THE ENGLISH OF THE KOATEY OR TRADING HOUSE AT MADRAS.

DIRECTORE PIGOT, of high and great Rank and greatest of the Merchants, May you be Possessor of the Patcha's Favour.

It was not my intention to remove the mercantile business of the Company belonging to you from out of the Subah of Bengal. But Roger Drake your Gomastah was a very wicked and unruly man and began to give protection to Persons (who had accounts with the Patcha) in his Koatey. Notwithstanding all my admonitions, yet he did not disist from his shameless Actions. Why should these People who come to Transact the Mercantile Affairs of the Company be doers of such Actions? however that Shameless man has met with the desert of his actions and was expelled this Subah. I gave leave to Mr. Watts who is a helpless poor and innocent Man to go to you. As I esteem'd you to be a Substantial Person belonging to the Company I have wrote these Circumstances of his Shameless and wicked Proceedings. Dated the 1st. of Moon Shaval in the 3d. Year of the Mogulls reign which is the 30th. of June 1756.

A COPY OF A PERVANA (OR) LETTER FROM NABOB MANSOOREL MULOCK SERAJET DOWLAH BAHAUDER.

Great Merchant and Man of Friendship Monsr. Renaud Director General of the French Company, Be happy

I have sent Mr. Watts an Englishman and Gomasta at Cossimbuzar to you with a Letter to Mr. Pigot commanding in the Koatey (or Trading house) at Madras, a Copy of which Letter is enclosed. You must therefore send for the said Mr. Watt's Family who were committed to the charge of the Gomasta at Sydabad and send him away with his Family to Mr. Pigot at Madras, see them arrived and send for Mr. Watt's receipt with an answer to my Letter and forward them to me who am welwisher of the People Dated the 29th. of Moon Ramadan in the 3d. Year of the Mogulls Reign which is the 28th. of June 1756.

The Great Importance of the Settlement of Calcutta to the Company, appears in such a light to the Board that they are thoroughly satisfied the utmost Efforts should be made to recover it. It is AGREED therefore to Consult Mr. Watson on this Occasion as it is the Opinion of the Board the Squadron, or part may render great Services at this time, and in Consequence of this Resolution it is AGREED to suspend the Embarkation of the Troops as settled in Consultation the 14th. Inst. untill further Measures have been concerted with Mr. Watson.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

* A written order, Loves' Vestiges, volume I, page 91

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17 Arriv'd Snow Mary, Luis da Silva from Jaffenapatam.

18 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 16th. Inst.

— Sail'd Ship Stree Vencataish for Vizagapatam.

At a Consultation

Present

Wednesday the 18th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Stringer Lawrence.	Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.	William Perceval.
John Smith.	Charles Bourchier.

Charles Watson Esqr. Rear Admiral of the Red and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in India And George Pocock Esqr. Rear Admiral of the White also Present at the request of the Board.

The Letter from Messrs. Watts and Collet read and enter'd on the Minutes of yesterdays Consultation being again read, The Admirals are made acquainted with the great Importance of the Settlement of Calcutta lately lost, and that the Board are of Opinion should it not be recover'd it will be of the utmost ill consequence to the Companys Affairs if not their entire ruin. That the Board Judge the Appearance of the Squadron in the River of Bengal will be a great Inducement to the Nabob to come to terms and restore the Settlement. On the other hand should he refuse the offers that might be made him on to his Occasion that the fifty Gun Ship proceeding up the River might in a very few hours (from the description of the Factory) oblige the Moors to quit that and the Town. Mr. Watson, hereupon assured the Board that he is ready and willing at all time to do every thing in his Power for the Service of the Company but considering the State of Affairs in Europe it appear'd quite necessary his Squadron should not be divided, and yet from the Accounts he had had of Bengall River he saw great danger in attempting to carry the two if not the three largest Ships up to Town that he saw not what Service they could be of unless they proceeded so high, but that if the Board were to give it him as their Opinion that it would be necessary to employ the whole Squadron on this Occasion he would run all Risques to serve the Company. That the Board would further Consider of it, and that he would immediately give Orders for getting all the Ships in readiness whether the whole Squadron might be thought necessary to be employed or not; And then, with Mr. Pocock withdrew.

The Board taking into Consideration what had been urged as above by Mr. Watson, are of Opinion that when the fifty Gun Ship might be sufficient to drive the Moors out of Calcutta but as the possession of that place only, without being in a condition to carry on a Trade as usual would be of no use to the Company, and that the Appearance of the whole Squadron might induce the Nabob to enter into terms of Accommodation. It is the unanimous Opinion of the Board to apply to Admiral Watson for the whole Squadron to which it is resolved to add all the Land Forces that can be spared. The President on this occasion offering his Services to accompany the Squadron should they proceed, the Board express the highest Sentiments of His willingness to exert himself in this distinguished manner and hope it will appear in the same light to the Company. The Board are of Opinion that the presence of the President or that of Colonel Clive will be necessary as well to Advise with Mr. Watson as to Negociate with the Nabob for resettling the Factory in a regular manner, and will in a future deliberation take into Consideration whom of Mr. Pigot or Mr. Clive, they shall request to undertake this Expedition, in the meantime. Order'd that Mr. Clive do repair to Fort St. George, and that the Admiral be address'd to send the whole Squadron in Conformity to the above Resolution. A Draught of a Letter is accordingly now settled and is as follows.

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To Charles Watson Esqr. Rear Admiral of the Red
and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's
Squadron in India.

Sir

You have been inform'd of the unhappy Calamity which has befallen the Companys Settlements in Bengall, We are of Opinion that nothing will more Contribute to the reestablishing their Affairs in a proper manner than the appearance of His Majesty's Squadron there. We do therefore make it our request that you will give Us this further proof to the many we have already received of your willingness to assist them by proceeding with the whole Squadron with all possible expedition.

We are
Sir
Your most Obedient humble Servants

Fort S^t. George,
the 18th. August 1756.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

In Consequence of the Determination to call up Colonel Clive from S^t. David the Board are of Opinion that in case his absence from thence should be of any long Duration & should there be a French War Colonel Lawrence be desired to take Charge of that Garrison and to accept the Acknowledgments of the Board for the great Willingness with which he tender'd his Services for the present Expedition to Bengal.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Ch^s. Bourchier.

Sent General Letter to Fort S^t. David dated this day. 18

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Govern^r. President. Thursday the 19th.

Stringer Lawrence.	Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.	William Perceval.
John Smith.	Charles Bourchier.

John Adlercron Esqr. Colonel of His Majesty's 39th. Regiment of Foot and Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in India, also Present at the request of the Board. Colonel Adlercron present.

For Colonel Adlercron's Information the following Letters are again read Viz^t.

Letter from Messrs. Watts & Collet at Chandernagore dated 2 July 1756. Sundry Letters read.

Letter from the Nabob of Bengall to the President.

Letter from D^o. to the Director at Chandernagore.

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State of affairs at Bengal laid open.

Letter from the Board to Rear Admiral Watson dated Yesterday.

And the whole Circumstances of the Companys Affairs at Bengall and all the Measures that have hitherto been taken being fully laid open to him. The President then laid before the Board the following Letter from Admiral Watson.

Letter from Admiral Watson.

GENTLEMEN

I have receiv'd your Letter of the 18th. Instant and am much concern'd to find the Companys Affairs in so bad a situation at Bengal, I shall very readily give them all the assistance in my power and will proceed with the whole Squadron as far as Ballisore Road, where I shall be able to consult the Pilots on the Practability of carrying the Ships up to Calcutta, and if there is a possibility of my getting there, I shall with the utmost chearfullness put every thing in execution that can be proposed for their Service.

The time of my Sailing wholly depends on you, as the Ships can't proceed to Sea till their Provisions and Water is compleated, which will take up a considerable time, if some better method is not pursued in the management of the Boats, than is now followed.

As I propose sending a Frigate before me, in order to have the Pilots ready at Ballisore Road at my Arrival If you have any Troops or Stores, you would send by her I will give the Captain Orders accordingly.

I am

GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. GEORGE, Your most Obedient humble Servant

19 AUGUST 1756. CHARLES WATSON.

Military to be sent to Bengal Considered.

The Board taking into Consideration the Number of Military necessary to be sent on this Expedition are of Opinion that two hundred Military and Forty of the Train may be spared upon so extraordinary and Interesting an Occasion as the present, these being added to the Number of Two hundred and Sixty four Rank & file of His Majesty's Troops (which Colonel Adlercron informs the Council are now on Board the Squadron) will, the Board are of Opinion, form a Body sufficient for the intended Service especially should they be so fortunate as to Join the Party of Two hundred Men and upwards sent on the Delawar which however is not depended on. It is therefore RESOLVED that two hundred Rank and File of the Companys Troops with Forty Men of the Train be draughted accordingly for this Expedition.

Resolution thereon.

Colonel Adlercron then withdrew.

Admiral Watson to determine whether any Military go on the Freight. to touch at Vizagptam to land Treasure.

AGREED that it be left entirely to Admiral Watson to determine whether any part of the Detachment intended for Bengal shall be embarked on board the Frigate he purposes sending before the Squadron And that he be desired to permit that Frigate to touch at Vizagapatam as well to gain Intelligence as to land Thirty thousand Rupees and Thirty thousand Madras Pagodas for the use of the Northern Settlements.

General Letter to be wrote to Bengal

AGREED that by the said Frigate a General Letter be wrote to the President & Council or to the President or such of the Council as may be met with acquainting them of the intended Expedition and the President is desired by the same

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Conveyance to address the Nabob of Bengal acquainting him that he is informed by his Letter as well as by other Channels of the fatal Resolution he had taken and carried into Execution in respect to the English Settlements in his Subah and that he purposes very shortly either to go down to Bengal himself or to send his Deputy to Negociate with him concerning the Rights of the English Nation.

And one from the President to the Nabob of Bengal.

General Letters read Viz.

General Letters read from Bombay.

No. 111 From the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr. President & Governour &ca. Council at Bombay dated the 16th. June acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 10th. May advising the Arrival of the Delawar, and acquainting Us that they hope to dispose of the Woollen Goods which We have receiv'd by her as the Quantity consign'd them by their expected Ships is less than usual.

No. 113 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Gr. &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 16th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 8th. with the Supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas and Acquainting Us of the Arrival of Mr. Wynch & of his being appointed Import & Export WareHousekeeper and Accomptant that Messrs. Norris Turner & Call are appointed a Committee for carrying on the Fortifications, And that Tonneveroy Pillah & Cawn Moodelair are not yet arrived which induces them to request We would hasten their departure.

From Fort St. David.

Letter from Richard Starke Esqr. read as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that as the Company have been pleas'd to Supersede him by the Appointment of Mr. Clive he apprehends his Conduct cannot have been agreeable to them and therefore desires permission to resign their Employ. In which the Board acquiesce.

Mr. Starke resigns the Service.

Letter from Mr. Evan Jones late Chief Mate of the Dodington read as enter'd hereafter giving an account of the manner in which that Ship was lost with the Occurrences and transactions of those who were saved till the time of their being taken on board the Caernarvon at Morandavia, And desiring that the Board will receive and give him a discharge for a Chest of Treasure, a Box of Plate and a Ladys Watch which were saved from the Wreck.

The Chief Mate of the Dodington his Account of the loss of that Ship &ca.

Desires to deposit Sundrys saved.

Agreed that the said Treasure Plate and Watch be receiv'd into the Companys Treasury.

Ordered to be receiv'd into the Treasury.

The said Mr. Evan Jones and Mr. William Webb late 3d. Mate of the Dodington being destitute of means to support themselves at present and the Court of Directors having approved of the Assistance which was given to the Officers of the Lincoln in the Year 1749 under the like Circumstances Agreed that Eight Pagodas ₱ Month be allowed to each of them untill they can procure their Passage to Europe or otherwise provide for themselves.

Allowance to the late Chief & 3 Mates of the Dodington.

Two Requests read as enter'd hereafter one from Surgeon of the Caernarvon the other from the Surgeon of the Marlbro' for the usual Gratuity on the Recruits landed here from those Ships.

Surgeon of Caernarvon & Marlbro' requesting Head money Granted.

Order'd that the Paymaster discharge the same.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

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To the Hon~ble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governour &c^{A}. Council of Fort S^{T}. George.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

I am to acquaint you that agreeable to Your Orders of the [*lacuna*] June, I have deliver'd over the Charge of the Settlement of Fort S^{t}. David to Colonel Robert Clive, and as I imagine by the Company's having been pleas'd to supersede me, by the Appointment of that Gentlemen So much my Junior in their Service. my Conduct cannot have been so agreeable to them, as I can assure Your Honour &c^{a}. I have endeavour'd to make it, I am to desire permission to resign their Employ in order that I may settle my Affairs and return to Europe.

I am with Respect
Hon~ble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Rich^{D}. Starke.

Fort S^{T}. George,
19 Aug^{T}. 1756.

To the Hon~ble George Pigot Esq^{R}.
President & Governour of Fort S^{T}. George &c^{A}. Council.

Hon~ble Sir & Sirs

As I had the misfortune to be cast away in the Dodington, I think it my Duty to acquaint your Honours with the Loss of the said Ship, and all other remarkable Occurrences from our last Departure which was Cape L'Gullas, to my happy deliverance on board the Caernarvon at Morandava on the Island of Madagascar; and I also humbly request that you'll please to receive, and give me a Discharge for a Chest of Treasure having the honourable Company's mark on it N°. 5 ‡ A, also a Box of wrought Plate with Arms on them, and a Ladys watch; which together with the Kings & Honourable Companys Packets is all of any Consequence that came on shore.

I am
Honourable Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. & humble Servant
Evan Jones.

Caernarvon in Madras
Road Aug^{T}. 8. 1756.

The following is an abstract from my Journal from the time I took my Departure from Cape L^{e}. Gullas, till the Time I got on board the Caernarvon.

July 6th. 1756 took a fresh Departure from Cape L^{e}. Gullas, and sail'd to the Eastward from 36.00 (o. m.) S^{o}. Latitude to 35.00 (o. m.) till I made 12.45 (o. m.) difference of Longitude and on the 16th. Instant was in the Latitude of 35·00 (o. m.) S^{o}. by a good Observation at which time the Captain order'd the Course to be alter'd from E^{t}. to E.N.E. and a quarter before 1 O'Clock A.M. the 17th. the Ship struck and in less than 20 Minutes was entirely wreck'd 23 men only escaping with Life to the Shore, who are the following Persons Viz^{t}.

Evan Jones	Chiefmate	John Yeats Midshipman.
John Collet	2^{d}. D^{o}.	Richard Topping Carpenter.
William Webb	3^{d}. D^{o}.	Neil Bothwell Quarter master.
Samuel Powell	5th. D^{o}.	Nathaniel Chisholm D^{o}.

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John King Foremastman	.. ..	Peter Rosenberg Foremastman.
Robert Beazly D°.	.. ..	Hendrick Seanee D°.
John Glass D°.	.. ..	Daniel Ladon Capn. Steward.
Jonas Taylor D°.	.. ..	John M'Dowell D°. Servant.
Gilbert Chain D°.	.. ..	Thomas Arnolds D°. Black.
Jeremiah Mole D°.	.. ..	Sharp Doctors Servant.

John Lester Matros
Ralph Smith D°.
Dyson D°.

As soon as day light appear'd discover'd ourselves to be on a barren Rock 2 Leagues from the Main, and as I found afterwards lies in the Latitude of 34·00 (o. m.) S°. by a good observation with Hadly's Quadrant, and to the Et.ward of Bay De. Algona 8 or 9 Leagues.

The first day after our deliverance on this Rock I thought of nothing else but making a Raft to carry us to the main as soon as those that were cut by the Rocks would be able to Travel; which I judged would be a Month at least; Therefore went in search of Provisions to subsist on for that time.

In looking about the Wreck found a Chest of Treasure with the Hoñble Companys mark on it N°. 5 ‡ A which came on shore on part of the Ships Transome. The same day found the King & Hoñble Companys Packets which got up and open'd the Papers to dry immediately tho' at that time must own had no reason for doing so; however upon Consulting Mr. Collet what must be done with them it occurred to me that it would not be impossible to build a Boat out of the Wreck if Providence should direct us to find some Tools.

The next day found an Adez, also a Chisel & 3 Sword Blades, which the Carpenter made saws off with those we began our Boat, tho' not without hopes of making orders; one of the People promising great things in the Smiths way, and perform'd so well that he made every tool the Carpenter wanted.

On the 4th. day found a Box of wrought Plate which was no sooner got into safety than the People wanted to share it together with the Treasure. All seem'd to be resolved on it Excepting Mr. Collet, Webb, Yeats, & Mr. Dowell, which All refused and from that time were used excessively Ill, and at one time their Resentment carried 'em so far that they proposed murdering us, and would certainly have done it, had John King gave his consent, but his refusing, put a stop to their Villainous designs in that respect, tho' not in others; for about the same time the Chest of Treasure was broke open and 600 Pounds taken out by Richard Topping, Samuel Powell, Nathaniel Chisholm, John King, Robert Beazly & John Leaster.

I entreated them to return it again, but to no purpose & I saw nothing of it till 3 days before the Boat was Launched when it was produced and shared with the Plate.

February 18th. 1756 took leave of our Rock, and Sail'd to the Northward with an intention to touch at River St. Lucia, but meeting with a very strong Current setting to the S°. ward was much longer getting there than I expected we should, and before we got that length we put into a Barr Harbour to the S°. ward of River St. Lucia, where we were used excessively civil by the Natives, who supply'd us with every thing we wanted, for brass Buttons. As we were afterwards in River St. Lucia, in coming out 9 of the People left us not willing to venture over the Bar, which I must own look'd very terrible; notwithstanding we that remain'd on board were obliged to go over the Bar or suffer the Boat to be lost; for those who went on shore let go the Grapnol close to the Breakers at high Water; so that by the Time it would have fallen a foot she would have grounded; therefore as soon as the small boat return'd from putting them on shore we weigh'd the Grapnol again and put for the Bar; we were in the Breakers half an hour; at length got safe over, and in two days got to Dellago, where We found riding the Rose Galley from Bombay Commanded by Edward

Chandler. I thought this a good opportunity to get the Treasure and Plate again; therefore apply'd to Captain Chandler to assist me, who comply'd with my request by sending his Boat & Mate with me on board the Sloop; We soon got what we went for and return'd on board the Rose Galley, where I continued till I arrived at Morandava two days after our arrival there Captain Hutchinson in the Caernarvon Join'd us, who favour'd me with a Passage to this Place.

EVAN JONES.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I beg the favour your Honour &ca. will be pleas'd to order me to be paid the Honble Companys Gratuity for my care of Seventy two Recruits landed here from the Caernarvon of which Ship I am Surgeon.

I am
HON'BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant
FRANCIS LOVELACE.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 19TH. AUGT. 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Being Surgeon of the Marlbro' I humbly request your Honour &ca. will be pleas'd to direct that the Companys Gratuity for Sixty One Recruits landed here from that Ship may be paid to.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. h'ble Servt.
WALTER JOHNSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 19 AUGT. 1756.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY THE 20TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Admiral Watson addressed to him dated this day which is read and is as follows.

SIR

Letter from Adml. Watson.

In my Letter to you and the Council of Yesterday's date, I acquainted you, I would so far comply with the request you had made me, as to go with the whole Squadron as far as Ballasore Road. and there consult with the Pilots of the

possibility of my getting to Calcutta. You must be assured my consent could not arise from any other motive than the desire I have of doing very thing in my Power for the Interest of the Company, and it's from that consideration, I beg leave to offer it as my opinion, You should call the Gentlemen of the Council together again and reconsider this matter.

In their debate, it is necessary they should observe, and pay some regard to the great probability of the news of a French War, by the arrival of the next Ship from Europe, and the intelligence of a French Squadron being expected here, which but a little time past was generally believ'd and I have heard nothing since to make it less probable now, than it was then. If it should be true, will not this Coast be left intirely defenceless all this season by the Squadron's attempting to go to Calcutta? and what more is to be feared from this step, and with great Reason to be expected, is that the Ships will be so late before they can proceed to Bombay (if at all) that they cannot be on this Coast again next Year till the middle or perhaps, later end of May, for it must be considered they have now been in India a considerable time, and want much repair particularly the Kent.

I would recommend this future Service which may be wanted from the Squadron, to your serious consideration, and then judge whether or no, a Parade only of the Squadron at Calcutta, can recompense for any misfortune that may happen to this Coast hereafter for want of the Ships being here in the proper Season. I mention a Parade only, because it is allow'd by every body, if hostilities are to be committed on the Nabob the Fifty and Twenty Gun Ship is as much force as is necessary to reduce and destroy every thing in the Nabob's Dominions they can come within reach of where then is the necessity of sending the whole Squadron? and thereby infallably depriving this Coast of all the assistance from them in the early months of next year, should there be ever so much occasion.

You may be assured Sir, I should be happy to have the Squadron employ'd where they could be of the most Service, and I have no other objection to going to Calcutta than this certain consequence attending it, which is, I shall not be able to bring the Squadron here at the time you may want them to assist you in opposing an Enemy, against whom it may be more necessary to guard, than to pursue the measures now proposed, as a less Force than requested, will certainly answer every purpose that can be expected from hostilities.

After all, if it should still be the opinion of the Council, that it is necessary for the whole Squadron to proceed to Calcutta. I'll use my utmost endeavours to carry them there but let it be remember'd, it is in my opinion an unnecessary step, and may be attended with the worst of Consequences.

I am with great Esteem

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Charles Watson.

Fort St George,
20 August 1756.

The Board at all times pay a Regard to Admiral Watson's Advice and Opinion, and tho' the Subject he recommends to their Attention had been thoroughly weigh'd before they made their last Request, yet it is now reconsidered and after being long debated the Board are of Opinion as follows. Consideration thereof.

The Principal Points taken Notice of by Admiral Watson are, the probability of a War with France. The Intelligence receiv'd and not since Contradicted of a French Squadron coming out, the Danger in such Case of the

Squadron's leaving the Coast, and by their proceeding to the Bay render their return hither improbable before the month of May. The Board admit that on the Intelligence of a French Armament intended for these parts and the probability of a French War, they thought it adviseable to draw together all the Forces they could and to take every Measure that prudence sugested for the Security of the Settlements, even more perhaps than might be absolutely necessary and tho the Intelligence of a French Armament has not been Contradicted they consider that the Season is now so far advanced that it is scarcely probable the Seige of this Place or S^t^. David would be attempted before the Monsoon. But should it happen otherwise the Board are of Opinion that Fort S^t^. David has a sufficient Garrison and that the Forces they can draw together exclusive of those intended for the Bengal Expedition will be sufficient to defend this Settlement even should the Enemies Force be as formidable as is represented. The Squadrons not being able to return here till the Month of May in case of its proceeding on this Expedition the Board do also acknowledge to be of great Weight, but on the other hand they consider that if the whole Squadron should proceed to Ballasore Road and the large Ships not be able to get over the Braces they will be in as good time to proceed to Bombay from thence as they could be from hence, and it is not improbable but that should they be able to proceed up the River Affairs might be so far advanced by the end of October that the Capital Ships might proceed then to Bombay in which case the difference between the time of their Arrival there and what it would probably have been had they left this Coast at the usual time will not exceed three Weeks or a Month. But even should they not be able to return here till May the Board Judge that by the time an Enemy could take the Field in the Spring the Works now throwing up on the New Plan will be so far advanced as to be very tenable against an European Force. The Board do not mean by this to Place such Confidence in their Strength as to think lightly in any degree of the Protection of His Majesty's Squadron, but when they reflect on the immense Loss the Company has sustained in Bengal, the Danger of their total Ruin should their Commerce in that Province not be restored, The daring Insult offer'd to the English Nation in the Nabob's late violent Measures, and the despicable light they must even after be view'd in by the Natives should the National Honour not be retriev'd. Upon all these Considerations the Board are of Opinion that the most Exemplary Satisfaction should be taken which they judge will more than any thing contribute to restore the Company to their former Rights, and even put their Trade on a better footing perhaps than it has ever yet been, and tho' this might in some Measure be effected by one or two of the Ships yet the presence of the whole even tho' the Capital Ship should be inactive will its judged with the appearance of His Majesty's Flag strike a much deeper and more lasting Terror. It is therefore Agreed again to Address the Admiral to proceed with the whole Squadron provided he will suffer the Military now on Board the Ships to proceed up the River notwithstanding the Capital Ships should not be able to get up. A Draught of a Letter to Admiral Watson is accordingly now settled and is as follows.

To Charles Watson Esq^R^. Rear Admiral of the Red and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in India.

Sir

Our President has laid before Us Your Letter to him of this date.

Letter to Adml. Watson.

Persuaded as We are from experience that Your Good Will is ever with Us in the support of the English India Company's Affairs We accept the Remonstrances made in that Letter as a farther proof of this your Disposition

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What we should have done before your Departure We now anticipated in laying before You our full sense of the late Calamity at Bengal the fatal Consequences it may, we fear will, produce, and the Resolutions to be taken by Us will be nothing more than the result of these Reflections.

It is necessary to mount a little higher than the present Times, that you may be entirely a Master of this Subject.

An Embassy deputed by the East India Company to Delhi about Forty Years ago obtain'd from the Great Mogul at more than the Expence of One hundred thouand Pound (£ 100,000) the Rights and Priviledges which their Settlements have hitherto enjoy'd in Indostan they obtained for the Presidency of Bengall infinitely more than the Violence of the Subah of that Province permitted them to possess themselves of Regardless of the Kings Mandate, he prevented them from possessing Nine Tenths of the Lands which had been granted.

What remain'd was sufficient for that Establishment of a flourishing Colony. Calcutta by it's Investment has been hitherto, notwithstanding all the Interruptions of the Nabobs the most Beneficial part of the Company's Estate.

The Space of three years together has seldom pass'd without demands of Money made by the Nabob upon the English under groundless Pretences. The State of the Companys Investment laying in the reach of the Government and out of the Reach of the Presidency, has generally induced the English to submit to pay some Consideration in Money, in order to prevent greater detriment to the Companys Affairs. The late Nabob, Grand Father to the present, several times obliged the English to these Concessions.

Some such pretences groundless We believe the present Nabob, made use of in order to sanctify the Violence of his late Proceeding. He tells Our President Mr. Pigot in a Letter, that it was not his Intention to extirpate the English from his Subah. Intentions are best seen by Facts. The Wealth of Calcutta was his Aim and to the vast Misfortune of our Nation he has possess'd himself of it. We are advised just now by Private Letters that he has plunder'd all the Effects of the Colony to whomsoever belonging.

To this immense Loss and Detriment has been added Circumstances which will weigh equally in the Opinion of the Nation, Cruelties & Barbarities inflicted on the Subjects of great Britain, which have ended in the Death of many Gentlemen of Consideration there, the Survivors drove to their Vessells and interdicted by his Ban from receiving any kind of succour from his Subjects.

We refer to You Sir how much the Honour of the English Nation is concern'd in these most violent Breaches of Faith and of Humanity. We submit to You Sir to determine whether Exemplary Reparation is not necessary.

On these Sentiments we made our first Application to you, the taking Satisfaction in the most Exemplary manner will in our Opinion be the quickest means of re-establishing the English in the Province of Bengal and even on better terms than they have hitherto obtain'd.

The appearance of a Flag will add weight to the Terms that may at last be made and the greater our Force in Bengal, the more immediately will the Reparation of our Injuries be in our own hands.

On the contrary should nothing of this kind succeed We tremble for the Consequences which will befall the Company.

We are obliged for your representations of our Situation here. We have seriously reflected on the Subject. We shall leave ourselves with a Garrison sufficient for our Ground and with the Rise of our Fortifications cannot say, that We fear even an Enemy Powerfull as has been represented to us from Europe.

We cannot from the above find any Reasons for altering the Request which we did ourselves the Honour to present to You, for sending the whole Squadron to Bengall. We must add that as we shall send only Two hundred Rank and File of our Troops We depend on your suffering those on Board the Squadron to proceed up the River notwithstanding you should find it impracticable to carry up the largest of the Ships.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
the 20 Augt. 1756.

Message from Colonel Adlercron.

The President lays before the Board a Message he receiv'd in Writing yesterday from Colonel Adlercron which is read and is as follows.

" Colonel Adlercron from the constant behaviour of the Gentlemen in " the Administration of the Company's Affairs on the Coast, has had no reason " to expect any extraordinary degree of complaisance would be shewn to him; " and therefore, if it regarded him only personally, would have been very " indifferent about it but in Consideration of the Character which he bears in " this part of the world from His Majesty, the Colonel thinks himself indis- " pensably obliged to represent to Mr. Pigot, that he looks upon the present " Conduct with respect to him as the highest indignity to the Commission he " has the honor of holding here, and that he is convinced it must appear very " extraordinary to every unprejudiced person, that a matter of so great moment " to the Company as the taking of Calcutta, and which in its own consequences " may probably affect the Kings Troops, should not yet be communicated to him " by any other Channel than that of common report. He is the more obliged to " take notice of it, as every Officer of His Majesty's Forces under his Command " expresses the greatest resentment that so notorious a slight should be shewn " to him, in so much that the Colonel is under the necessity of making known " to His Majesty by the first opportunity this fresh insult in addition to the " many others he has heretofore receiv'd.

Jno. Adlercron.

Fort St. George,
Augt. 19, 1756.

Sir

As the above written message which I sent you this morning by my Secretary must be inserted in the Journal I am directed by His Majesty to keep I think in justice to you, I ought to desire the favour of your Answer thereto.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servant

Jno. Adlercron.

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To George Pigot Esqr. &c^a^.

The President acquaints the Board that he did not communicate to Colonel Adlercron in form the Advices of the loss of Calcutta immediately on the Receit of them because no Measures could be taken with respect to the Land Forces untill the Operations of the Squadron were adjusted but that as soon as he receiv'd Admiral Watson's Answer of the 19th. Instant he waited on Colonel Adlercron himself acquainted him with every thing that had passed and desired his presence at the Consultation which was held Yesterday. Considered.

Tho the foregoing Message is addressed to the President only it is Agreed to Answer it from the Board in the following manner.

To John Adlercron Esqr. Commander in
Chief of the Land Forces in India. Letter to Adlercron in Answer.

Sir

The President has Communicated to the Board a Message he receiv'd from you in writing yesterday complaining of Indignitys and Insults Offer'd to your Commission and of a great want of Complaisance in Us who are concern'd in the Administration of the Company' Affairs. This is an Accusation of such an extraordinary Nature that the General terms you have been pleas'd to represent it in, oblige Us to call upon you to explain yourself in every particular both under your own hand and such of your Officer's as think themselves aggriev'd by our Conduct.

The particular Instance you mention of an Indignity offer'd to your Commission the President has convinced Us is ill founded. No steps had been or could be taken with Respect to the Land Forces untill some points had been settled with Admiral Watson relating to the Squadron, And the hour the President receiv'd Mr. Watson's Letter acquainting him that the Squadron might proceed to Bengal on the Companys Service he himself waited on you with that Letter and acquainted you with all the Intelligence he had receiv'd even before he had communicated Mr. Watson's Resolution to any one of his Council, any application previous to this would have been premature.

It is surprising to Us that at a time, when, more than any, the utmost unanimity and good Will in every Subject of Great Britain is necessary to support the Interests of the East India Company, which we will venture to Call the Interests of the Nation We say We are surprised at such a time to see such Altercations set on foot.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
String^r^. Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Ch^s^. Bourchier

Fort S^t^. George,
the 20 Augt. 1756.

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Letter from Colonel Adlercron read as follows.

To George Pigot Esqr. President & Governour
&ca. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

As I am well convinced it will not be agreeable to His Majesty, that the Regiment under my Command, should be so much divided, as it is likely to be by the Expedition now in agitation for Bengal, I think it my duty to lay the same before you; and therefore to desire that as many as possible of His Majesty's Troops may be employ'd upon this Service, but in case instead of doing us that honour, you should prefer making use of the Company's Troops upon this occasion, I must then beg the favor, Gentlemen that you would join me in an application to the Admiral, that the Detachment of my Regiment now on board the Squadron, may be reliev'd by an equal number of your own forces.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble Servant
Jno. Adlercron.

Fort St. George,
20 Augt. 1756.

As nothing can be determin'd in relation to the Land Forces untill the Operations of the Squadron are settled, It is Agreed to defer untill then the Consideration of the foregoing Letter.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

21 Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Ingeram dated the 2d. Instant.

Receiv'd by French Pattamars two General Letters from Messrs. Watts & Collet at Chandernagore one dated the 6th. the other the 7th. July.

Sent by Tappies a General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

Sunday the 22nd.

At a Consultation
Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Stringr. Lawrence.	Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.	William Perceval.
John Smith.	Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of Consultations dated the 14th., 17th., 18th., 19th. & 20th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

Genl. Letter from Ingeram.

No. 114 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 2d. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 9th. Ultimo and acquainting Us that the Freight he Charged in the Month of February for Wares &ca. ₽ Nancy

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& Don Carlos is what he actually paid and is less than what has been usual for such weighty & Cumbersome Stores forwarding His Books ending April 1756 & Monthly Papers for July Cloth on hand 325 Corge.

No. 115 and No. 116 General Letters from Messrs. Watts & Collet the first dated at Chandernagore the 6th. the other the 7th. July and enclosing Copys of two Letters from the President Mr. Drake & others of the Council of Bengal dated on board Ship Dodaly off Fulta all which are read and are as follows. Letter from Messrs. Watts & Collet.

CHANDERNAGORE, 6TH. JULY 1756.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed comes Duplicate of Our Letter of the 3d. Instant since which We are inform'd that the Dacca Factory was surrounded and the Gentlemen obliged to surrender that the French Chief has receiv'd them into their Factory till He has the Nabobs Order concerning them, that Mr. Amyatt has made his escape from Luckipore with Effects of the Companys to the Amount of about 60,000 Rupees Mr. Boddam from Ballasore likewise with about 5 or 6000 Rupees.

We have been obliged to borrow Money of the French Company for Our Subsistence as We have Lost everything We had in Bengall Vizt. Mr. Watts 2000 for Him and His Family and Mr. Collet 500 Rupees for which We have given Receits as these Notes will be Tender'd to your Honour &ca. from Pondicherry for Payment, We beg the Favor of your Honour &ca. to honour them and in case the Company do not think proper to make Us any Allowance. We shall with pleasure Repay the sum advanced. Enclosed is a List of what Gentlemen are on Board of the English Ships in the River.

We are with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

WILLM. WATTS.
M. COLLET.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since our last We have receiv'd a Letter from the Gentlemen on Board of the Ships at Fulta Copy of which We enclose as also Copy of a Letter they desire to be translated into Persian and sent to the several Great Men about the Nabob for Permission to re-establish the Settlement.

We must beg leave to Observe to your Honour &ca. that We wrote to the Governour & Council of Calcutta when We were at Houghly (which was the first opportunity We had) that if they would send a proper Person or Empower Us We flatter'd ourselves that We should be able even to Accommodate Matters for a sum of Money. We are not certain but are informed that that Letter was receiv'd and an Answer wrote Importing that after the affront the Nabob had given of Sealing up the Company's Effects and confining their Servants at Cossimbuzar they could not think of coming to any Terms of Accommodation. We are inform'd likewise by Cossenaut One of the Companys Banyans that Omichund and some of the Principal Merchants offer'd to contribute considerably towards making Up Affairs. Coja Wazeed the greatest Merchant in Bengal who

resides at Houghly and has great influence with the Nabob His Duan told Us that He went Four times to Calcutta in Order to pursuade the Gentlemen to make up matters with the Nabob but was Threatened to be Ill used if he came again on the same errand.

We shall do all in Power to get permission to re-establish the Settlement but are without any hopes of obtaining it during the Life of the present Nabob. We therefore know of no other method but that of a Military Force which We hope Your Honour &c[a]. will be able to send sufficient to Attack the Nabob even in his Metropolis As We Hear a Peace is confirm'd with France.

There are 79 of our Sergeants Soldiers and others in the Hospital here who escaped from Calcutta and are provided with Provisions & Cloaths by the French Governour & Council Who have been extreamly Humane to Us All and now maintain by Charity near 3000 Poor Portugueze Men Women & Children who were Inhabitants of Calcutta.

We are with Respect

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

W[M]. WATTS.
M. COLLET.

CHANDERNAGORE,
THE 7TH. JULY 1756.

To COJA WAZEED.

SIR

Relying on your Favour & Friendship for the English Nation, We take the liberty of addressing this Letter to you and intreat the Honour of Your Aid & Assistance in Our present Situation. We hope by your means to be inform'd in what manner We may address the Nabob for his Permission to re-establish Our Settlement at Calcutta.

To whom can We apply in Our present Circumstance but to those from whom We have receiv'd many marks of Favour and Protection & on whom We still depend.

Having no Munsee with Us, We are obliged to Address you in English, & hope Sir you'll for that reason excuse any defect in Our Stile or Omission of the due forms of respect. What can We say more? but that We hope much from your Aid and Favourable Representation of the English to the Nabob.

We are with Respect

SIR

Your most Obedient humble Servants

ROGER DRAKE *Jun[r]*.
CHARLES MANNINGHAM.
WILLIAM FRANKLAND.
WILLIAM MACKETT.
P. AMYATT.
THOMAS BODDAM.

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To William Watts & Matthew Collet Esqr.

Gentlemen

We Congratulate your Safety at Chandernagore in Our Situation. We are to expect from you who have been so long in the Nabobs Camp the most certain Account you are able to transmit Us of the Nabobs determination respecting the English Company, and what effect you imagine an Application to His Principal Ministers & Great Men would have in Our Favour for which purpose We should be glad you would let Us know, Who would be the properest persons to Address, to, We are advised that Monickchund, Roy Doolob, Galaum Hossein Cawn & Coja Wazeed are those who have the greatest influence & in consequence of that information We forward you enclosed Letters for those Officers, & desire you will endeavour to have an exact Translate of them made into the Persian Language & get them deliver'd with the Original. If you think it would be proper to apply to any other Durbar Officers upon this occasion. We request you will point out the Persons, or (if you Judge it will Answer the end) We should be glad you would Address them yourselves in behalf of Our Honble Employers to interest them in Our Favours. In hopes of Opening a Correspondence with the Government, We have absolutely forbid any Hostilities being Committed on any Moors Ships or Vessells which may arrive in the River; or giving any Offence to the Country People round about Us, by which pacifick Measures on Our side, We hope for a favourable turn of Affairs.

We are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient hum. Servants

Roger Drake *Junr*.
C. Manningham.
Wm. Frankland.
Will: Mackett.
P. Amyatt.
Thos. Boddam.

Dated on Board Ship Doddaly of Fulta,
the 6th. July 1756.

Letter from Admiral Watson dated the 21st. Instant read as follows. Letter from Adml. Watson.

Gentlemen

I receiv'd your Letter of yesterday's date, late last Evening, and from the facts therein mention'd I concur with you in opinion, that the Nabob has been guilty of the most violent Breaches of Faith and Humanity on the Subjects of Great Britain; I therefore agree with you, that Ample satisfaction ought to be demanded for the insults and Barbarities lately committed on the Gentlemen at Calcutta and am very ready as I acquainted you before, to go with the whole Squadron to that place, if there is a possibility of carrying them there, and doing every thing in my Power to re-establish the Settlement, and accommodate matters to the honour of our Nation, and the Interest of the East India Company. But before I proceeded, I thought it was my duty to represent to you, the situation you must be in on this Coast, in consequence of the Squadron's going to Bengal, however as you are of opinion the being left entirely destitute, in case of a French War, and without expectation of any assistance from the Squadron for a considerable time, is a circumstance now, not to be regarded, but that it should be entirely given up for the sake of the Squadron's attempting to go to Bengall, I shall immediately proceed to Ballasore Road as soon as the Ships are

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compleated with Provisions and Water, and as the dispatch of this entirely depends on you, I hope you will give directions for a sufficient number of Boats to be employ'd on this Service.

I shall give the necessary Orders to receive the number of Troops you propose sending, but I must beg leave to observe the request you have made, in case the large Ships cannot proceed up the River, is of such a nature, that I cannot by any means comply with it, for you must consider how very short of the proper number of Men the Squadron is already, by those left sick at St. Davids and must also be left here. This deficiency I am afraid will so far put it out of my power to part with any of the Troops now on board, that I shall be under a necessity of applying for a reinforcement of Men for the Service of the Squadron for you must imagine if the largest of the Ships can get no farther than Ballisore Road for their safety, the honour of His Majesty's Flag, and for the sake of my own reputation, I can never think of suffering the Men to be sent from them. Is it not very probable if the French Squadron should arrive here, which you have reason to expect that they having intelligence where I am gone to, will, under the presumption of the largest Ships not being able to get higher than Ballisore Road, come there in search of me? how then should I be able to defend His Majesty's Ships without Men? would they not become an easy capture to the French, and thereby contribute to heap Ruin on your Affairs instead of being of any Service?

I believe when you had this Article under your consideration, you was not acquainted that two hundred Men will be left at the two Hospitals, add to this one hundred and fifty Lascars sent ashore for the Service of the Garrison at Fort St. David, when I left that place, and the certainty of soon having a number of Men sick for want of Refreshments while in Ballasore Road. All these Considerable Reductions render the Squadron already unable to do the duty they ought, and what would be expected from them.

In this situation I leave you to judge whether the complying with your request, in sending the Troops from the largest of the Ships while in Ballisore Road, would not expose them too much, to have any dependance on them hereafter in case an Enemy should appear.

As I have already assur'd you my whole attention is employed to promote the interest of the Company, I need not repeat its' from that consideration. I think this would be a very imprudent step and risquing the Principal Ships of the Squadron, when there is the greatest probability of your wanting their real assistance on another Service, as I have mention'd before.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

CHS. WATSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21 AUGT. 1756.

Resolution. Colonel Clive being expected here in a day or two AGREED to defer the further Consideration of the foregoing Letter untill his Arrival.

Letter from Colonel Adlercron. Letter from Colonel Adlercron dated the 21st. Instant in Answer to the Letter wrote him the 20th. read and ORDER'D to be enter'd hereafter.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

Both myself and every Officer under my Command have more than once thought themselves greatly aggriev'd by your Conduct towards them; however, to prevent altercations, (which at this unhappy conjuncture are indeed very unreasonable) we think it more adviseable to lay our grievances before His Majesty and submit to his determination, whether or no complaints are well founded. We have the more reason for taking such a step, as I have made frequent representations to the Committee of the nature of these grievances without ever having the good fortune to meet with any redress.

I cannot help observing, Gentlemen that you have greatly mistaken the occasion of the message in writing I sent to the Governor the 19th. Instant had you well consider'd it, you could never have been convinced, that the particular Instance I mention'd of an Indignity offer'd to my Commission was ill founded. It is matter of fact, that the taking of Calcutta tho a matter of great moment to the Company and such as was likely in its consequences to affect the King's Troops, was not communicated to me till the third day after the advice thereof was receiv'd: now whether such treatment were injurious, and an Indignity offer'd to His Majesty through me, I leave to the World to Judge.

I shall only further add Gentlemen that myself, and all His Majesty's Troops, will with the utmost chearfullness exert ourselves in support of the Interests of the East India Company however ill we may have been treated by their Servants and will forget all our grievances, whenever any occasion offers wherein we can be of Service to You.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JN^O. ADLERCRON.

FORT S^T. GEORGE,
21 AUG^T. 1756.

Arrived the Boneta Ketch John Edwards from Britain last from Fort S^t. David with Lieutenant Colonel Robert Clive Deputy Governour of Fort S^t. David Passenger. 24

AT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY THE 24TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERN^R. PRESIDENT.
ROBERT CLIVE. — STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY. — ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. — JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour of Fort S^t. David who arriv'd here this Morning now takes his Seat at the Board. — Colonel Clive takes his Seat.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 22^d. Instant rad & Sign'd.

The Advices from Bengal & the Measures that have been taken relating thereto being fully communicated to Colonel Clive the Board proceeded to consider and deliberate on the Letter from Admiral Watson read and enter'd in the Minutes of yesterdays Consultation, and the following in Answer therto is now wrote and Signed Viz^t. — Letter to Admiral Watson.

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To Charles Watson Esq[r]. Read Admiral
of the Red & Commander in Chief of his
Majesty's Squadron in India.

Sir

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 21st. Instant and observe the several reasons you give why you Judge it would be improper to send the large Ships to Bengal, And as you are pleas'd to acquaint Us that should you proceed no further than Ballasore you could not possibly land the part of the Regiment on board them. In such case We think it would be better they should not proceed as it would weaken our Garrison here too much to continue them on board and send a Sufficient Force to Bengal. We however think the retaking this so valuable a Settlement of the Companys should not be put to the Hazard this Expedition would be Subject to if Undertaken by one Ship only, And are therefore to request that you will permit the Tyger and Salisbury to proceed.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George,
the 24 Augt. 1756.

The Consideration of other Measures relating to the intended expedition are deferr'd untill Admiral Watsons Answer is receiv'd.

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

25 Receiv'd by Pattamars the following General Letters Viz.

From Mr. Charles Boddam at Vizagapatam dated 4th. Instant.

From Mr. John Lewin Smith Provisional Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated 5th. Instant.

From Mr. John Andrews at Bandarmalanka dated 12th. Instant.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 22d. Instant.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756.—

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R]. GOVERN[R]. PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE. STRING[R]. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

THURSDAY THE 26 AT 10° CLOCK IN THE FORENOON.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 24th. Instant read & Sign'd.

The President lays before the Board a Letter from Admiral Watson and acquaints them that in Consequence of the last Paragraph he had desired both M[r]. Watson & M[r]. Pocock to be present this day at Consultation at 11'o Clock. The letter from Admiral Watson is now read and is as follows Viz[t]. Letter from Admiral Watson.

GENTLEMEN

I receiv'd yours of yesterdays date requesting me to permit the Tyger and Salisbury to proceed to Calcutta.

I have already acquainted you, if you were still of opinion, the whole Squadron should proceed on this Service. I was ready to go with them to Ballasore, and there enquire of the possibility of carrying them farther. But I offer'd it as my opinion (which was founded on the information I had learnt of the strength of the Place) that the fifty and Twenty Gun Ship would be as much force as there would be occasion for. If more is thought necessary I will send the Sloop with them, but I can never think of separating two Ships of the Line, from only four till some certain Advices arrive from Europe, And having further consider'd this expedition I am apt to think, if it is delay'd till the last week in next month there will be a much greater probability of Success attending it, than if the Ships were to proceed immediately as they will then escape the rainy Season which is allow'd by every body to be the most unhealthy part of the year, and in all appearance if the Ships were to go now, one third of their Men would fall Sick before there would be an opportunity to do any Service, however I take the liberty to mention, I think advices should be immediately dispatch'd to M[r]. Drake to acquaint him he will soon receive all the Succour from hence that can be spared.

If from this consideration of the rainy Season, or any other that can be thought of, you think it necessary to assemble, and further debate on this Expedition I am ready to wait on you whenever you please.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant

CHA[S]. WATSON.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE,
25 AUG[T]. 1756.

As Admiral Watson does not think it adviseable to part with the Tyger & Salisbury, The Board employed the time untill the Admirals coming, in deliberating on the Measures to be now taken but without forming any Resolution. Considered.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756——

AT 11o. CLOCK.

Present

ADMIRAL WATSON.

ADMIRAL POCOCK.

Deliberation on Measures.

The Board reasumed the Consideration of the Measures to be taken in the present Crisis and having long debated thereon without being able to come to any determination Admiral Watson again assured the Board that if they desire him he will proceed with the whole Squadron as far as Ballasore Road and even up the River if the Pilots will take Charge of the large Ships; and then leaving the Board to determine what Request to make him on this occasion withdrew with Admiral Pocock.

Admiral Withdraws.

Resolved to ask for the 50 & 20 Gun Ship.

After a long debate It is unanimously RESOLVED that Admiral Watson be desired to send the Fifty and Twenty Gun Ships down to Bengal with about two hundred and forty Military with the Intent to retake Calcutta only without attempting any thing more untill Join'd by further Succours, And that all necessary preparations be made as expeditiously as possible to send all the Forces that can be spared from hence with the remainder of the Squadron, if in the interim the expected Advices from Europe should not make it necessary to alter these Measures. Draught of a Letter to Admiral Watson is accordingly now settled and is as follows.

TO CHARLES WATSON ESQR. REAR ADMIRAL OF THE RED
AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S
SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR

We have receiv'd your Letter of the 26th. and having also had the Honour of your Company at Council yesterday, We have resolv'd to request of you at this time the Assistance only of the Fifty and Twenty Gun Ships, We are therefore to beg you will permit Us to embark on them about Two hundred and Forty Military and that you will be pleas'd to order them to proceed with all Expedition to Bengall, as We judge the retaking of Calcutta immediately will be of the utmost Consequence to the Company And as You have repeatedly as well in your Letters as Yesterday at the Board offer'd to go down with the whole Squadron to Ballasore Road and even up the River if the Pilots will take Charge of the large Ships, We purpose making you our further Request to do so as soon as they can be got ready if no Advices from Europe in the Interim should make such a Measure improper.

We are

SIR

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27 AUGT. 1756.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756—

AGREED to write to the President and Council at Bengal or such of them to whose hands the Letter may come that as We intend sending a larger Force. We think it adviseable that nothing should be attempted immediately with the Fifty and Twenty Gun Ships and the Forces sent on them, but the retaking of Calcutta and that We think it would be adviseable not to conclude any terms with the Nabob, but if he should be inclined to treat, amuse him untill they receive further Forces or Advices from Us. Letter to be wrote to the Pr. & Co. at. Bengal.

Colonel Clive informs the Board that there are some Chevaux de Frise at Fort S^t. David which may be wanted for the Expedition. Cheveaux de Frise at S^t. David to be sent up.

AGREED to write to the Gentlemen at Fort S^t. David to send them up.

AGREED that Forty thousand (40000) Arcot Rupees be advanced out of the Treasury to the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad AND Advance to the Com-missy.

That One thousand five hundred (1500) Pagodas be advanced the Military Storekeeper for the Charges of that Employ. Do. Mili-tary Store-kr.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILL^M. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH^s. BOURCHIER.

Arriv'd Sloop Catharine Elizabeth Elphinstone from Sadrass. 27

Arriv'd Snow Hartop Thomas Savage from Bencoolen. —

Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 13th. Augt. also General Letter from Roger Drake Esqr. & others of the Council at Bengal dated off Fulta the 13th. July and General Letter from Drake Esqr. dated on board the Syren Sloop of Fulta the 14th. July.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort S^t. David dated this day. —

Arrived Snow Antonia Dorothea. 29

Sail'd His Majesty's Sloop Kingfisher [*lacuna*] Toby for Fort S^t. David

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AT A CONSULTATION SUNDAY THE 29TH.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQ^R. GOVERN^R. PRESIDENT

ROBERT CLIVE. STRING^R. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 26th. Instant read and Sign'd.

General Letters read Viz^t. General Letters read From Vizagapatam.

N°. 117 From Charles Boddam Esqr. late Chief at Vizagapatam dated the 4th. Instant advising of his having quitted his Station there as Chief and deliver'd over the Charge of the Settlement agreeable to our Appointment. And requesting our Permission to remain there till January that he may settle his Affairs.

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From Vizagapatam.

N°. 118 & 121 From Mr. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam. The First dated the 5 August acquainting Us that they had receiv'd our Letters of the 8th. & 9th. Ultimo and that agreeable to our directions Mr. Boddam has delivered over the Charge of the Settlement with the Ballance of the Honble Companys Cash the 31st. July to Mr. Smith as Provisional Chief who tenders his Acknowledgements for this Mark of our favour. That the directions relating to the unserviceable Arms and decay'd Wares shall be punctually complied with. That upon a Representation from the Commander of the Arcot Snow that that Vessell was in want of some Repairs besides those contracted for without which She could not safely go to Seas, they have Contracted with with Mr. John Heriot to undertake them for Eight hundred and fifty Arcot Rupees, And shall dispatch her to the Negrais as soon as they are finished and the Bar is open. That being in want of several Articles which are not mention'd in their last Indent for Stores, they now send an Additional one, as also their Monthly Accounts by which it may be observed how necessary it is to send them a speedy & large Supply of Cash. Cloth on hand L.C.C. Cor. 947.8 L.C.F. 182.2 S.O. Cor. 30.5 S.F. Cor. 13.6. The other Dated the 13th. Instant acquainting Us that the Honble Companys Sloop Syren arrived at Bimblepatam the Night before which brought accounts of the Capture of Calcutta by the Moors; That Mr. Manningham came down on her and proposes setting out next day for Madras overland to whom & the General Letters from the President & Council of Bengal which they now forward they refer Us for Particulars. That agreeable to the desire of the Gentlemen at Bengal, they will immediately send back the Sloop with Stores & other Necessaries, but desire our directions in case Applications should be made to them for their further Assistance. That being in great distress for Money for the Expences of their Garrison they hope We will pardon them for reminding Us how necessary it is to send them an immediate Supply.

General Letter read.

From Bandarmalka.

N°. 119 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 12th. August serving only to enclose his Monthly Accounts for July Cloth on hand Embaled L.C.O. 84 Bales L.C.M. 25 L.C.F. 20 At the Wash L.C.O. 41 Bales L.C.M. 38 L.C.F. 20 In all 228 Bales.

From Ft. St. David

General Letters read.

N°. 120 From Robert Clive Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council at Fort St. David dated the 22d. Instant Acquainting Us that they have receiv'd our Letter of the 18th. and agreeable to our directions Mr. Clive has deliver'd over the Charge of the Settlement to Mr. Wynch & takes his Passage for the Presidency on the Boneta Ketch. That they enclose a Copy of a Letter to them from Mr Norris as Paymaster, and as they think his request very reasonable they beg leave to recommend it to our Consideration.

The Consideration of Letters N. 122 & 123 is deferred till the Afternoon.

From Fort Marlbro.

N°. 124, 125 & 126 General Letters from John Pybus Esqr. Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlbro. The first dated the 17th. July 1756 containing the Transactions & Occurrences in the Honble Companys Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra since the Advices ℔ Prince George in February 1755. The other two are Duplicates of short Letters dated the 15th. April last and 9th. October 1755. The Originals not having been receiv'd.

Mr. Boddam permitted to stay at Vizagapatam till January

Agreed that Mr. Charles Boddam be permitted to remain at Vizagapatam till January according to his request.

Additional Repairs to Arcot Snow. Indent Vizagaptm,

Agreed that the Additional Repairs to the Arcot Snow mentioned in the Letter from Vizagapatam be made and that the Additional Indent from that Settlement be Complied with.

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Agreed also that the Gentlemen at Vizagaptam be directed to supply the late European Inhabitants of Calcutta with necessarys and give them every other Assistance in their Power.

Vizagaptm to supply the Inhabitants of Bengal.

The Hartop Snow being lately return'd from the West Coast the President on behalf of the Owners offers that as soon as her West Coast Cargo is landed she shall proceed to Vizagapatam and take in what Treasure & Stores are designed for that Settlement Freight free, which the Board with due acknowledgments accept and it is Agreed that the Treasure Agreed to be sent down on the Frigate Admiral Watson purposed to dispatch be now sent on the Hartop with such part of the Vizagapatam Indents as can be complied with and Twenty Pipes of Madeira Wine.

Sundrys to be s nt to Vizagapatam ℔ Hartop.

The Board being of Opinion that Mr. Hugh Norris's Representation in regard to the Ballances due to him on Account of Brickmaking &ca. (enclosed in the foregoing Letter from Fort St. David) is but reasonable Agreed to write to the Gentlemen there that they may Authorize their Committee of Works to examine into those Ballances and to take for the Company's Account such as are reasonable and appear to be due from persons capable of being employ'd again as it makes no manner of difference to the Company whether they go on upon those Ballances or fresh Advances.

Ballance due from Brickmakers &ca. to be transferr'd to the Committee.

The Letter from Fort Marlbro' are referr'd to the Committee for West Coast Affairs to examine and Report.

Fort Marlbro' Letter referr'd to the West Coast Comm.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to Build three Long Boats for the Service of the West Coast, and that two Sloops of about Fifty Tons burthen be purchased for the same Service.

3 Long Boats to be Built at Vizagaptm. & 2 Sloops purchased for Marlbro.

Order'd that Four thousand Dollars be Coin'd into West Coast fanams for the use of the Settlements there.

West Coast fas. to be Coin'd.

The Writers lately Arriv'd from England are now Station'd as follows.

Writers Station'd.

Mr. James Hay.	Export Warehouse.
Alexander Leigh.	Secretarys Office.
John Cawfurd.	Do.
Henry Parsons.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Comm.
Thomas Lane.	Accountants Office.
Thomas Hamilton.	Secretary's Office.
William Stephenson.	Fort St. David.
James Taylor.	Accountants Office.
Richard Fitzpatrick.	Fort St. David.

Letter from the Surgeons of the Kent Salisbury and Kingfisher read as enter'd hereafter requesting to be paid for Medicines supplied 77 Lascars sent on Board those Ships at the rate of two Rupees ℔ man for one Month amounting to One hundred and fifty four Rupees, which the Paymaster is Order'd to discharge.

Medicines for Lascars on board the Squadron to be paid for.

Letter from Captain John Brohier read as enter'd here after representing that there are twenty nine Boxes of Iron Work for Gun Carriages on board the Marlbro' which would greatly expedite the Gun Carriages now making here.

Order'd that they be landed.

Iron Work for Gun Carriages Intended for Bengal ℔ Marlbro' to be landed.

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Military Stores retd. from Camp to be Survey'd & Reported.

The Military Storekeeper represents that several of the Stores return'd with the Army from Camp appear to be render'd unserviceable Order'd that Survey be made upon them and reported by the Military Storekeeper Lieutenant Thomas Rumbold Quarter Master and Lieutenant William Jennings of the Train.

Expt. Ware-Ho. Accot. Profit & Loss endg. Ultmo. April 1756 appd.

The Export Warehousekeeper lays before the Board the Account of Profit & Loss gain'd and lost since Ultimo April 1755 being the close of the Books of that Employ ending Ultimo April 1756. Which the Board approve and order to be enter'd hereafter.

Military StoreKr. do.

The Military Storekeeper also lays before the Board an Account of Military Stores render'd useless by Service Wastage or otherwise since the 30th. April 1755.

The greatest part of these were contain'd in the Report of the Survey made and enter'd after Consultation the 17th. June when it was order'd that the unserviceable Arms should be packed up in Chests and laid by as useless and that the unserviceable Stores should be sold at Outcry which the Board confirm and further Order that the unserviceable Arms so laid by be wrote off to Profit & Loss, that the Company have Credit for the produce of the decayed Stores sold and that the difference between their value on the Books and what they sell for be wrote off to profit & Loss.

Caernarvons dispatch for Canton Ordd.

The Caernarvon being near ready to Sail and Captain Hutchinson being of Opinion he may yet make his Passage to Canton Agreed that he be dispatch'd thither with Orders to use his utmost Efforts to gain the Passage but that if after beating as long as there may be any probability of Success he should be under the necessity of bearing away for any Leeward Port in that case he is to return directly hither without touching any where unless obliged thereto by unavoidable necessity.

Money paid in Import Wareho. Keeper.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in One thousand three hundred Pagodas (1300) on his running Account.

Sea-Customer.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in One thousand three running Account.

Money paid in Land Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Three hundred and twenty four Pagodas twelve fanams and five Cash (324. 12. 5) for the July Ballance of that Account.

Poonamallee Rent.

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country pays in Five thousand (5000) Pagodas in further part of six Months Rent of that Farm due 30th. June last.

St. Thome Rent.

Meerza Mahomet Caussum Renter of the St. Thome Country pays in Five hundred and seventy five (575) Pagodas which with One thousand (1000) Pagodas paid in the 19 May last is in full for six Month's Rent of that Farm due the 31st. May last when the Cowle expired.

Batta gain'd on Fanams.

The President as Cash keeper pays in Thirty thousand five hundred (30500) fanams making at the rate of thirty six fanam ⅌ Pagoda Eight hundred and forty seven Pagodas Eight fanams (847.8) being the Gain made this Month by the Exchange of Pagodas into fanams.

Advances to the

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Eight thousand Pagodas (8000) for the Charges of that Employ.

Military Paymr.

To the Military Paymaster Six thousand (6000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

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To the Owners of the Hartop Snow One thousand (1000) Pagodas which with two thousand Pagodas paid them the 30th of March last is in full for the Freight of that Vessell to the West Coast & Back again as ℘ Consultation the 9th. February last.

Freight of Hartop Snow.

To Gundaveddy Vencata Ramah and Nella Chitty Companys Merchants Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas on Account of the Investment.

To Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah &ca. Merchts.

And that Fifteen Setts of Certificates granted by the Deputy Governour and Council at Fort Marlbro' for Money paid into the Honble Company's Cash there by sundry persons amounting in the whole to Eight thousand nine hundred and thirty six Pagodas thirteen fanams and two Cash (8936. 13. 2) as advised in their General Letter dated 17th. July 1756 be paid whenever the same are presented, taking proper discharges.

West Coast Certificates to be paid.

The Cowles for Egmore, Perambore and Trivitore with their several districts expiring the 31st. Instant ORDER'D that Notice be given that they will be put up at Outcry at the Sea Gate on Wednesday the 8th. of next Month and let to the highest Bidder for Five Years.

Egmore Perembore Trivitore to be let the 8th. next Month.

The President acquaints the Board that the Secret Committee have AGREED to relet the Chingleput and Covelong Countrys on the following terms the Cowles having expired the 31st. July last Vizt.

Chingleput & Covelong Countrys let by Secret Committee and Reported.

Chingleput for two Years to Oppajee Nayenar the last Renter at the rate of Twenty Eight thousand five hundred Pagodas (28500) ℘ Annum.

AND Covelong for One Year to Pushponatha Nayenar for Eight thousand (8000) Pagodas And that Linga Chitty will be Security for both which the Board approve and Order the Cowles to be drawn out accordingly.

The Board then Adjourned till four o'Clock to read the Letters receiv'd from Bengal and to Consider of Measures.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE AUGT. 26: 1756.

TO THE HONBLE PRESIDENT & COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIRS

We the Surgeons of His Majesty's Ships Kent, Salisbury & Kingsfisher Sloop have taken the Liberty to send you the enclosed Accounts for Lascars & pray you will be pleas'd to give order for their Payment.

We are

Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

EDWD. IVES .
GEO: THOMAS.
FITS RAGGETT

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756—

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Carpenter's Work of Fifty Gun Carriages being in a manner finished in the Carpenters Yard, and the Smiths being extreamly tedious in compleating their Iron Work, I beg leave to Represent that there is Twenty nine Boxes on board the Marlborough Containing the Iron Work of Gun Carriages for Bengall, and that if You'll be pleas'd to order it to be Landed for our use Those Carriages will be Compleated out of hand & ready for use, According to the Exegencies of the Service; In the mean time We shall continue making Carriages for what other Iron works may come by the next Ships. As I am persuaded the like supplies for Two hundred fifty five Carriages are order'd to be sent out to this Presidency.

I am most Respectfully
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
J. Brohier.

Fort S^t. George,
the 28 August 1756.

Fort S^t. George 30 April 1756

Sundry Accounts D^r. to Profit & Loss Pagodas				15	23	16
for the difference between the charge in the Invoices sent to Europe & the real Cost to the Company Viz^t.						
Long Cloth Ordinary	4	18	—			
Long Cloth Midling	7	25	16			
Salampores Midling	3	16	—			
				15	23	16

Profit & Loss D^r. to Long Cloth Ordinary Verandeporum Pag^s. 1. 18 for the difference between the Charge in the Invoice sent to Europe & the real cost to the Company	1	18	—

	Gar.	M.								
Profit & Loss D^r. to Sundry Accounts Pagodas.						647	23	64		
for Rice & Paddy wasted in lying in the Godowns & Tarpawlins torn & wore out since 30th. April last Viz^t.										
Rice	6	297¼ @ Pag^s.	58	13	40	393	22	54		
Paddy	1	206¾	31	18	—	47	28	10		
Tarpaulins	30	.. .. ..			.. ..	206	9	—		
									647	23	64

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SUNDRY ACCOUNTS DR. TO GOODS FOR PRESENTS PAGS.	619	13	5			
ACCOUNT PRESENTS for the following given to the Nabob on account of a Marriage in his Family, Vizt.						
1 Hair Piece set with Diamonds 186 —						
1 Do. with Rubies & Emeralds 40 —						
1 Emerald Ring with Roses 32 18						
1 Single Stone Emerald Ring 23 12						
1 Moors Jewel with Diamonds &ca. 100 —						
1 Jewel or Bracelet 60 —						
2 Tweezer Cases 40 —						
1 Silver Mounted Hanger wth. Pistols 25 —						
	506	30	—			
CHARGES GENERAL for 7 Brass mounted Guns delivered the Governours Troopers	103	19	5			
PROFIT & LOSS for 1 Spying Glass worn out	9	—	—			
				619	13	5

MATERIALS DELIVER'D TO THE CARE OF JOHN BROHIER						
DR. TO REDWOOD PAGS. 741 29 63 for Ca. 256 Md. 10 lb. 12 deliver'd him in October last Vizt.						
55 13 5 @ 3·9 ℔ Ca.	180	32	17			
34 4 11 3	102	23	78			
166 12 21 2·27	458	9	48			
Ca. 256 10 12				741	29	63

SUNDRY ACCOUNTS DR. TO PROFIT & LOSS PAGODAS.. Gain'd on the following particulars Vizt.	1284	8	33			
LONG CLOTH ORDINARY	7	25	16			
SALT PETRE	256	6	18			
RICE	864	9	72			
PADDY	108	32	53			
GOODS for PACKING & SALE	36	22	54			
SALAMPORES MIDLING	10	19	60			
				1284	8	33

PROFIT & LOSS DR. TO SUNDRY ACCOUNTS PAGODAS.. LOST ON THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS VIZT.	3386	5	27			
LONG CLOTH ORDINARY Verand being the amount of washing Co. 31. 1 & rewashing Cor. 15 ps. 13 damaged & sold at Public Outcry 30th. April 1755 ..	81	26	12			
LONG CLOTH MIDLING for rewashing Ps. 14 do. do. ..	1	8	8			
SALAMPORES MIDLING Do. Cor. 15 Ps. 14 do. do. ..	13	2	60			
REDWOOD	9	21	6			
CHARGES ON MERCHANDIZE	1080	24	25			
ACCOUNT PRESENTS	2466	2	31			
BATTA	233	28	45			
				3886	5	27

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ACCOUNT OF MILITARY STORES RENDER'D USELESS BY SERVICE WASTEAGE AND OTHERWISE SINCE THE 30TH APRIL 1755 TO BE WROTE OFF TO PROFIT AND LOSS VIZT.

GUNPOWDER							
Bombay	8 Md				14	—	—
GUNNERS STORES							
Powder Horns	13				3	22	—
GUNNERS UTENSILS							
Copper Ladles three Pounders	2	—	30	—			
Ashen Staffs	18	2	9	—			
Iron Worms	7	1	6	—			
					4	9	—
FIRELOCKS.							
Bayonet Pieces	22	77	—	—			
Pieces without Bayonets	73	136	19	24			
Muskets	2	3	—	—			
Buccaneer Pieces	217	234	12	46			
French Pieces	7	14	—	—			
Trading Guns	231	243	2	76			
Pistols	4 Pair	8	—	—			
					715	34	66
SMALL ARMS.							
Broad Swords	2	1	4	—			
Hangers	5	3	27	—			
					4	31	—
ARMOURY STORES.							
Cartridge Boxes Bombay	634				123	16	72
NECESSARIES FOR THE GUNROOM.							
Melting Ladles	2	2	1	10			
Dipping Ladles	1	—	26	70			
					2	28	—
NECESSARIES FOR THE ARMOURY.							
Standing Vice	1	5	11	32			
Hand Vice	1	—	16	—			
Tiles	78	10	13	—			
					16	4	32
INTRENCHING TOOLS.							
Hand Saw	1	—	32	20			
Shovels	2	—	20	—			
Spades	11	4	10	—			
					5	26	20
GENERAL STORES.							
Tarpaulins	6	24	34	45			
Officers Tent	1	25	28	50			
Leather Bucket	1	—	32	50			
Gunny Bags	54	1	18	—			
					63	5	65
		PAGODAS			943	34	15

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ CHS. BOURCHIER

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1756—

SUNDAY THE 29TH. IN THE AFTERNOON.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT

ROBERT CLIVE. STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Board being met according to Adjournment to read the Letters receiv'd from Bengal and to consider of Measures, the following Letters are accordingly now read Vizt.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

DUPLICATE

Our utmost Efforts have been employ'd to dispatch to You sooner the intelligence of the Capture of Calcutta by the Moors acting under orders of Souragge Dowlat the New Nabob which Account we doubt not will have reach'd You before this can possibly Arrive by means of Pattamars from the Shroffs or Foreign Nations. A Narrative of this unhappy Event, will be in Our Opinion faithfully Related to You by Mr. Charles Manningham which We have not Time to Commit at present to Writing. The above Gentlemen We depute to your Honour &ca. on the United East India Companys behalf, & require from his Representation that You will support Us with the whole Force you can Obtain on Your Coast Military & Marine together with a sufficient Quantity of Ammunition Cannon and all other Warlike Stores Military and Marine which may enable us to Re-Establish Ourselves in these Provinces, which we Esteem of the most Essential consequence to the East India Company and trade of India in General. It is highly proper to Represent to Your Honour &ca. that the English here were Established by Patent from the Grand Mogull under whose orders all Subahs should be dependant. But as Your Honour &ca. are well Acquainted that this Province was overcome by Allywerde Cawn, who maintain'd his Conquest by force of Arms, so it was possess'd by his Grandson who Assumed the Title of Souragge Dowlat, wherefore further to favour our cause and just Complaints for Restitution & Right to the Previledges granted us by the Royal Phirmaund, We are to Request you will without delay set forth to the Grand Mogul the Enormities committed by the present Nabob on a Nation that has always paid due Obedience to the Tenor of the Phirmaund nor Infringed on its Priviledges Requiring & entreating by his Authority to Re-establish us in all our Rights and that the loss sustain'd by the Company and Inhabitants of the Settlement may be made good. We are at present endeavouring to open a Correspondence with the Principal Men whom We are inform'd the Nabob Attends to in hopes to bring on a treaty untill we can obtain succour & that we may in some Measure be Reliev'd from our present Distress, being in the utmost want of all Necessaries of Life, & strict orders issued by the Government not to supply Us with any Provisions. The Dutch & French are also prohibited giving us any Assistance. Their Situation appears very precarious and we are told the French have wrote for a large Reinforcement from Pondicherry, Our determination is to keep the River untill we are inform'd of Your Honour &ca. Resolutions, and in case we are not able to procure any favour from the Government or should be persecuted by the Enemy so as to be obliged to stand out to Sea, we shall proceed to Vizagapatam this we think proper to mention as it may be necessary that the Ships in their way to the Bay call there for intelligence which we shall lodge there if we are able

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to procure any Conveyance, for the Ingratitude of our immediate Servants has been such that we are drove to the necessity of doing every individual Office ourselves, nor have we been able to procure a Pattamar or a Persian writer, And it is with the utmost difficulty We have hitherto kept together a sufficient Number of Lascars to work our Ships and are daily apprehensive they will quit us on the first occasion. We have desired the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam to provide & hold in readiness what Provisions of every kind they are able to procure to be out on board the Vessels coming down hither, We request Your Honour &ca. to represent a full state of all the Occurrences to Rear Admiral Watson the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron and entreat his aid and Assistance with the Fleet which we hope may be able to proceed hither.

Monsieur Le Bon (who had Command of one of our Advance Battaries & defended the same very Gallantly) Accompanys Mr. Manningham and will in case of Accident happening to Mr. Manningham deliver You these Advices, we Esteeming Mr. Le Bon Qualified to give you a Circumstantial Detail of our Military proceedings as also inform You of the various Stores we are in want of.

As we imagine the news of this Capture will produce very bad Consequences in England to the Honble Company's Affairs if they receive it, without being inform'd at the same time of there being a prospect of Our Resettling in Bengall we are to Request Your Honour &ca. will alter Your Resolution for sending the Delawar to Europe till you know the Success of the Forces you may be able to Assist us with.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Roger Drake *Junior.*
C Manningham.
W. Frankland.
W. Mackett.
P. Amyatt.
Thomas Boddam.

Off Fulta,
the 13th. July 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Duplicate. You must Naturally conclude the Mind cannot Recover itself In Our present Situation to transmit You such a Narration of the Event passed by the Capture of Calcutta by the Moors As the Circumstances thereof require to be Penned with Impartiality which shall be My strictest Endeavours to set forth When I am eased of the Anxiety My Station has drawn on Me; I am therefore now to entreat your Conclusions on any Conduct may be Suspended untill the Motives Actions and Reasons for such Our Conduct are Impartially set forth.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Roger Drake *Junior.*

Sloop Syren
off Fulta 14th. July 1756.

The first point Debated is whether the Survivours of the late President and Council for the Companys Affairs in Bengall notwithstanding the Loss of all

the Company's Settlements which were under their Management, do still remain invested with the same Powers or Rights they had before to direct in all matters relating to the Company which may be transacted within the former Limits of that Presidency.

After a long Debate The Question being put is carried in the Affirmative by a Majority.

The President on the first News of the Capture of Calcutta and Colonel Clive on his Arrival here from S^t. David having offer'd their Services to proceed at the Head of the Intended Expedition to Bengall in case it should be thought that either the one or the other undertaking such an Expedition would be most for the Companys Advantage. It is now debated whether it be eligible to request either and which of the President or Colonel Clive to undertake the Expedition.

When it was first thought that such a Measure might be proper it was not known whether those of the President & Council of Calcutta who had escaped with Life were in any Situation to take upon them and discharge the Powers of a President & Council, and in case they were not, it would have been necessary that whoever went at the head of the Expedition on behalf of the Company should have been invested with full and General Powers not only to retake their lost Settlements to but to Negociate and Conclud Treaties with the Country Powers for re-establishing the Company's Affairs and it was thought that none could be so properly entrusted with such unlimitted Powers as one of those Gentlemen whom the Commpany have placed the one in the 1st. the other in the 2^d. Station on this Coast. But it being above Resolved that the Survivors of the President & Council of Bengal do still retain their Powers as such, and consequently that whatever Expedition do proceed thither must fall under their Directions the Board are now of Opinion (in Consequence of that Resolution) that it is neither necessary nor proper for either the President or Colonel Clive to proceed.

Resolv'd That the thanks of the Board be return'd to the President & Colonel Clive for their intended Services on this Occasion.

The next Point Consider'd is, Whether upon a re-examination of all Circumstances and Advices to this time, The Resolution already taken to send down Two hundred & forty " Men on the Fifty & Twenty Gun Ships to retake " Calcutta only without proceeding any further untill other Forces be sent down " And that as large a Force as can be spared from the Coast be sent down with " the remainder of the Squadron as soon as the necessary Preparations can be " made in the interim the expected Advices from Europe should not make it " necessary to alter those Measures." Do still subsist Or whether any and what other Measures are proper to be now taken.

Resolved That Admiral Watson be desired to suspend any Orders he may have given for the departure of the Fifty & Twenty Gun Ships and that the Embarkation of the Men intended to be sent on them be also Countermanded. That in case the expected Ships from England should not bring the News of a War with France Admiral Watson be then desired to proceed down to Bengal with the whole Squadron at once. That Colonel Adlercron be desired to proceed on the Squadron with his whole Regiment and Train of Artillery And That all preparations of Stores and Necessaries be made with all possible Expedition in the same manner they would be were it peremptorily Resolved such an Expedition should proceed at all Events.

The Reasons for the foregoing Resolutions are Viz^t.

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For Suspending the actual departure of the Expedition untill the Arrival of Advices from Europe.

1. The Gentlemen of the Council of Bengal in their foregoing Letter desire the whole Force that can be obtain'd both Military & Marine with Stores Cannon &c[a]. may be sent them such a Force as they seem to expect and think necessary (which is more fully explain'd in some private Letters) would if sent away now leave this Coast exposed to great hazard should a War be declared with France.

2. There is all the reason in the World to imagine that before every preparation can be made for the whole Expedition to proceed at once Advices may be receiv'd from Europe to clear up the Doubts in regard to Peace or War.

3. The delaying for a Month or two the retaking of Calcutta can be of no other Consequence than that it will be impossible to advise the Company by the September Ship from hence of the Success of the Expedition and tho it is to be wish'd this could be done yet as the attempting it at this time might expose their Estate to greater detriment, it is postpon'd.

For sending the Kings Troops.

1. Almost every thing in this Expedition depends on a large and well served Field Train of Artillery.

2. There are not a sufficient Number of good and proper Field Pieces in the Company's Stores.

3. Colonel Adlercron in his Letter to the Board of the 20th. Instant intimates that His Majesty is unwilling his Forces should be separated.

4. The Board are therefore under the necessity of taking the Resolution they have or of wanting the main Assistance. A Good Field Train.

A Letter to Admiral Watson and one to Colonel Adlercron are accordingly now wrote & Sign'd and are enter'd hereafter.

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Will[m]. Perceval.
John Smith.
Ch[s]. Bourchier.

To Charles Watson Esq[r]. Rear Admiral of the Red and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Squadron in India.

Sir

Since we did ourselves the Honour to address you the 27th. Instant We have receiv'd Advices from the President & Council of Bengal requesting as large a Force as We can possibly spare, and as it would be imprudent to part with such a Number of Men as they think necessary to obtain such redress as the injuries receiv'd require while We remain uncertain whether War has been decalred or Peace concluded with the French in Europe, We think it would be better to defer sending the Fifty and Twenty Gunships, agreeable to our last request, but that if the expected Coast & Bay Ships should not bring Us the News of War every end would be better answered by the whole Squadrons proceeding at once, which in that case We shall then request of you, We purpose also to desire Colonel Adlercron will go on the Expedition with his whole Regiment and Train and for that purpose We are making all necessary preparations. We are therefore now to request you will suspend the Orders you may have given relating to the departure of the Fifty and Twenty Gun Ships untill We receive

Advice from Europe, and that you will permit Us to send on board such of the Ships of the Squadron as you may appoint the Military Stores for the Expedition as We can get them ready.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
String^r. Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George,
The 30 Augt. 1756.

To John Adlercron Esqr. Commander in Chief of the Land Forces in India.

Sir

We deferr'd answering your Letter of the [21st.] Instant untill We receiv'd such Advices from Bengal as might lead Us to some determinate resolution in regard to the Number of Men necessary for the intended Expedition. We have accordingly receiv'd a Letter from the President and Council, by which and all other Circumstances that have as yet come to our knowledge We judge that it would not be prudent to spare from hence such a Body of Military as would be necessary to do Justice to the Nation and Company for the Injuries receiv'd, while We remain in a State of uncertainty whether War or Peace with France have taken place in Europe but in case our expected Ships should bring Us News of the latter We think it would be then be adviseable to make a vigorous Effort to recover the Companys Settlements and oblige the Nabob to make ample Retribution for the Losses and Injuries sustain'd and in that case We purpose to Request you will undertake this Expedition with your whole Regiment and Train, which join'd to the Detachment sent down on the Delawar under the Command of Major Killpatrick will we judge form a Body sufficient to Answer the intended purposes. If these measures meet with your approbation We beg you will immediately give Orders for preparing every thing necessary for such an Expedition that if on the arrival of Advices from England it should be proper every thing may proceed accordingly.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
William Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George,
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30 Sail'd the Honble Company Ship Caernarvon captain Norton Hutchinson for Canton Consign'd to Messrs. Pogoue, Lockwood Peistey & Kinnersley Supra Cargos.

31 Sail'd Snow Antonia Dorothea C .B. Keller for Bimlepatam.

31 Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

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1 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 29th. Ultmo.

2 Received by Tappies General Letter from Do. 30 Do.

FRIDAY THE 3D.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.
ROBERT CLIVE. ROBERT ORME.
HENRY POWNEY. JOHN SMITH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
COLONEL LAWRENCE *Absent, being Indisposed.*

COLONEL LAURENCE *Absent, being Indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of the 2d. last Consultations both of the 29th. August read & Sign'd.

General Letter from St. David.

No. 127 & 128 General Letters from Alexander Wynch Esqr. and the other Gentlemen of the Council at Fort St. David the first dated the 29th. August Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 21st. and acquainting us that the Dragon Sloop was not yet arrived but as soon as she does & can be unloaded she shall be return'd to Us. That Mr. Charles Saunders departed this Life the 29th. August. The other is dated the 30th. acknowledges the Receit of our Letter of the 27th. and advises that all the Chevaux de Frize they had were only those Admiral Boscawen left behind the best of which were sent up hither about three years ago the rest being Europe Wood the pikes are entirely eaten to Pieces by the Vermin & the Barrells much in the same Condition are fixed in the Laboratory as Shelves to support Shot &ca. being fit for nothing else.

Bill for Victualling 5 Prisoners aboard the Squadron.

A Bill is now laid before the Board from the Agent Victualler of the Squadron for Victualling five Men Thirty days who were sent on board the Salisbury at Fort St. David as Prisoners amounting at the rate of Eight Fanams ℔ day each to Thirty five Pagodas ten fanams which the Paymaster is Order'd to discharge.

Advance to the Mayors Court.

Letter from the Mayors Court read as enter'd hereafter requesting an Advance of Three hundred Pagodas to defray the Charges of that Corporation which is order'd to be advanced accordingly.

Account Sale of Broad Cloth.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account Sale of Forty two (42) Bales of Broad Cloth sold at Outcry the 27th. August last at one Pagoda ℔ lot Advance, amounting to Four thousand and thirty two Pagodas. The Account is enter'd hereafter.

Account Deficiencies ℔ Caernarvon.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter an Account of Goods which were thought to be deficient by the Caernarvon and the Commander accordingly paid the amount being charged with it in the

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Account Current stated with the Owners but just before his departure the Case of Aquafortis being discovered & deliver'd & the value was accordingly paid him back.

AGREED that One hundred Pipes of the Madeira Wine on board the Marlbro' Consign'd to the President & Council of Bengal be landed here. 100 Pipes of the Bengall Wine ₱ Marlbro' to be landed.

AGREED that the Price of the Madeira Wine this year for the Company's Servants be Sixty Pagodas ₱ Pipe. Price of Madeira Wine 60 Pagodas ₱ Pipe.

Oppajee Nayenar Renter of Chingleput pays in ten thousand Pagodas (10000) in part of Six Months Rent due on that Farm the 31st. July last. Chingleput Rent.

AGREED That six thousand (6,000) Pagodas be advanced Tonnapah Condapah & Nineapah Company's Painters for Chints painting. Advance to Painters.

The President reads the Cash Account as enter'd hereafter for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest Eight thousand Nine hundred and twenty three Pagodas five fanams and fifty eight Cash (8923. 5. 58) which is carried forward. Cash Accot. read

The two following Letters from Admiral Watson are now read. The first being in answer to a Letter wrote before the Resolutions taken at the last Consultation Vizt. Letters from Adml. Watson.

GENTLEMEN

Last Night I receiv'd your Letter of the 27th. Inst. requesting me to assist you now, only with the fifty and twenty Gun Ships and that I would permit two hundred and Forty Troops to be embarked on board them, and give Orders for their proceeding to Bengall with the utmost Expedition. The Ships are ready and their Captains have my Orders to sail the moment the Troops are embarked which are disposed of as in the Margin.

Salisbury.	100
Bridgwater	140
	240

By the latter part of your Letter, I imagine as soon as you are acquainted the rest of the Squadron are ready for the Sea, you then purpose to make me a further request of proceeding to Calcutta with them. If that is your only reason for delaying your application, I have the pleasure to tell you all the Ships are now ready to proceed to Sea at a moments warning, and I shall take care to keep them so.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant

CHARLES WATSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30 AUGT. 1756.

GENTLEMEN

I have receiv'd your Letter of Yesterdays date, and agreeable to your desire shall countermand the Orders I have given to the Captains of the Fifty and Twenty Gun Ships.

The Military Stores you request to be taken on board the Squadron must not be embarked in the large Ships, they drawing so much water already as to make their Passage up the River Bengal extremely Hazardous, and perhaps

impossible but I have no objection to the Twenty Gun Ship receiving as much as she can with conveniency, and have given her Captain orders accordingly, at the same time, it must not be forgot that the Marlborough (one of your own Ships) is here, and will be able to take in a considerable quantity of all kinds of Stores.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient humble Servant

CHAS. WATSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31ST. AUGT. 1756.

AGREED that as many of the Military Stores intended for the Expedition as the Marlbro' can take in be put on board that Ship.

Colonel Adlercron desires a Plan of Operations.

The President acquaints the Board that Colonel Adlercron has inform'd him he does not think the Letter wrote him the 30th. Ultimo sufficiently explains the intended Expedition to Bengal, but that if the Kings Regiment should proceed a Plan of Operations should be given him to be laid before a Council of War whereupon it is AGREED to write to him the following Letter.

Letters wrote to him.

TO JOHN ADLERCRON ESQR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE LAND FORCES IN INDIA.

SIR

The President having acquainted us that You think our last Address requesting the Regiment to go to Bengal was not sufficiently explicit & that You desired a Plan of Operations to be laid before you. We now give You our Sentiments on every thing relating to that Subject.

It is necessary to premise that whatever may be laid before you by us as a Plan of Operations is subject to the Approbation of the Companys Representatives in Bengal to whose Recommendations on all Occasions we request the same Attention from You, as You would have had to any Representations made by us to You while on the Coast.

We have already acquainted you that We purpose to request you will (in case the expected Advices from Europe should not induce Us to alter these Measures) proceed to Bengal with the whole Regiment & all the Train of Artillery, to which will be added as great a Number of Seapoys as can be embarked on Board His Majesty's Squadron.

The above Forces are intended to retake Calcutta and dispossess the Moors of Hughly, those two Places lying on the Banks of the River will be render'd an easy Capture with the Assistance of the Squadron after which it is to be hoped that the Nabob may come to such terms of Accommodation as the Gentlemen in the Management of the Company's Affairs may think proper to Accept.

But on the contrary should the Nabob not come to terms, it is more than probable he will move down from Muxadavad with his Army, which will make it necessary that as soon as possible the Nature of the Ground about Hughly & Calcutta be well reconoitred & the Spot chosen where it shall be judged best to engage the Nabob who flush'd with his late Success may venture a Battle.

Should this Battle (as We hope it will) be attended with a defeat of the Nabobs Troops & he notwithstanding remain unwilling to make terms If from

the Experience which will then be obtained of his force & from the Information which may be gain'd of the Country it is thought possible to proceed further We are of Opinion that this Expedition should not finish untill he either comes to terms, or that his Capital of Muxadabad be destroyed.

At the same time We must desire you will assure Us that on any future Representation from Us You will be ready to return to Us on the Coast should the Situation of Our Affairs make such a request necessary.

Our Sense of the immense loss which the Companys Estate has Sustained at Calcutta obliges Us to Stipulate that as soon as that place is retaken the whole property of it be delivered untouched to the Companys Representatives for the Companys benefit.

And as the Company will be at a vast Expence by this Expedition It is necessary that one half of all the other Captures which may be made be appropriated to the Companys Benefit. We say the Companys benefit alone for altho' the loss of private Persons by this Calamity may be reckon'd at £ 400,000 yet nothing of this one half is intended for their benefit & they must remain in their present Situation till they can find Relief from their Superiors.

As the utmost dispatch is necessary considering the lateness of the Season, We request the Stores may be immediately embarked, & as a Litterary Correspondence on the details of this Expedition will protract the dispatch We shall be glad to confer with you whenever you have any thing necessary to Communicate.

We are

SIR

Your most Obedient humble Servts.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
R. ORME.
JOHN SMITH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 3D. SEPTR. 1756.

That all the Stores and necessarys for the intended Expedition may be prepared without loss of time Colonel Robert Clive, Robert Orme and John Smith Esqrs. are appointed a Committee to manage and give directions concerning the same and all Orders sign'd by any two of them is to be of as much force as if Signed by the whole. The said Committee are also empower'd during this Expedition to take upon them entire management of the Boats and to give such directions relating thereto as they may think for the Benefits of the Service and the Publick.

Colonel Clive & Messrs. Orme & Smith for making preparations for the Expedition & for the management of the Boats.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH. DR.

1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	18383	21127	49	18969	31	49
3	To Linga Chittee farmer of the Ruby Brokerage receiv'd of him in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th. June ..	152	18	—	152	18	—
	To John Smith Storekeeper rec'd of him the Ballance of that Account for June which was transferr'd to his Account on Mr. Wynch's quitting the employ	862	1400	—	900	32	—
7	To Current Pagodas rec'd from the Treasury ..	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
14	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeepers receiv'd of him on his running Account	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
	To Henry Powney Sea Customer rec'd of him on his running Account ..	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
	To Robert Orme Export Warehousekeeper rec'd of him on Account of Rice sold	—	36000	—	1000	—	—
	To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonemallee Country receiv'd of him in part of six Months Rent due on that Farm the 30th June last	5000	—	—	5000	—	—
	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmer receiv'd of them						
	Carried over Pagodas .	48397	58545	49	50023	9	49

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3	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for making Gunpowder ..	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
6	By John Smith Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
8	By Fort St. David sent thither by Peons overland	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
9	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ being the remainder of the Advance order'd in Consultation 28th. Ultimo.	—	108000	—	3000	—	—
14	By Robert Orme Export Warehouse-keeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1500	—	—	1500	—	—
27	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1500	—	—	1500	—	—
29	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	3000	180000	—	80000	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
31	By Gundaveddy Vencaty Ramah & Nella Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment	15000	—	—	15000	—	—
—	By Fort Marlbro paid the Owners of the Hartop Snow the Ballance of their Account for the Freight of that Vessell to the West Coast & back the whole being 3000 Pagodas as ₰ Consultn February [ ] 2000 whereof were advanced 30th. March	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
31	By Fort Marlbro paid the following Certificates of the Deputy Governour & Council for money paid in there at $ 16·2 for 10 Pagodas as advised in General Letter 17th. July 1756 Vizt.						
	Carried over Pagodas ..	55000	288000	—	63000	—	—

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THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH—*cont.* Dr.

	Brought over Pagadas ..	48397	58545	49	50023	9	49
	One Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. July last	200	16800	—	666	24	—
14	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence receiv'd of them one Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. July last	—	12000	—	333	12	—
	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Farmers of the Measuring Duty receiv'd of them due 1st. July last	—	6000	—	166	24	—
29	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him on his running Account	1300	—	—	1300	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer receiv'd of him on his running Account ..	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
	To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him for the July Ballance of that Account	208	4188	5	324	12	5
—	To Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country rec'd of him in further part of Six Months Rent due on that Farm the 30th. June last	5000	—	—	5000	—	—
—	To Meerza Mahomet Caussum Renter of St. Thome receiv'd of him (being with Pagodas paid in the 19th.						
	Carriedover Pagodas ..	56105	97533	54	58814	9	54

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		Brought over Pagodas ..							55000	288000	—	63000	—	—
Date.	By whom paid.	To whom payable.	S.	C.		P.	F.	C.						
1756														
12 July	Robert Jack.	Walsh & Vansittart.	1800	—	—	1090	32	58						
Do.	Samuel Dutton	Do.	800			484	30	43						
5 D.	Arthur Neil.	Do.	597	—	—	361	29	36						
12 Do.	Gregory & Stoddart.	Do.	2100	—	—	1272	26	14						
Do.	Richard Wyat.	Do.	181	—	—	108	25	7						
Do.	Jos: Darval.	Saml. Ardley.	87	2	10	53	1	7						
Do.	Watt Braham.	Edwd. Burman.	1598	—	—	968	17	36						
Do.	Do.	Do.	1259	—	—	763	1	7						
5 July	Thomas Savage.	Thomas Savage.	3400	—	—	2060	21	65						
12 Do.	Jos: Darvall.	George Stratton.	369	2	55	223	33	66						
5 D.	Kendall &c.	John Brohier.	830	—	—	503	1	7						
Do.	Edward Pero.	Thomas Pelling.	200	—	—	121	7	50						
2 Do.	Geo: Freeth	Rd. Dawson.	495	—	—	300	—	—						
			13717	—	65				8307	227	76	8313	11	76
		Carried over Pagodas ..							63307	288227	76	71313	11	76

THE HON'BLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH—*cont.* Dr.

	Brought over Pagodas ..		56105	97533	54	58814	9	54
	May last) in full for Six Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. May when the Cowle expired		575	—	—	575	—	—
31	To Current Pagodas rec'd from the Treasury ..		20000	—	—	20000	—	—
—	To Batta for the following Vizt. For the produce of 500 Pagados issued as ℔ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at the rate of 41 Fanams ℔ Pags. .. Fas.	20,500						
	For the produce of 7000 Pagodas issued & Exchanged at the rate of 40 fas. ℔ Pags.	280,000						
				300,500	—			
	Which at the rate of 36 fas. ℔ Pagoda make					8347	8	—
	Star or Currt. Pagodas ..		76680	398033	54	87736	17	54

PER CONTRA—*cont.*

	Brought over Pagodas ..	63307	288227	76	71313	11	76
—	By Batta advanced in the Course of this Month for the purchase of Fanams	7500	—	—	7500	—	—
		70807	288227	76	78813	11	76
	By Ballance carried to next Months Account	5873	109805	58	8923	5	58
	Star or Currt. Pagodas ..	76680	398033	54	87736	17	54

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ GEORGE PIGOT

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756 ——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^a. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to draw upon Your Honour &c^a. for the sum of Three Hundred Pagodas to defray the necessary Charges attending that Corporation.

Fort St. George,
The 31st August 1756.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servt.
Daniel Morse
Reg^r.

Account of Goods Deficient ₰ ship Caernarvon.

		£	s.	d.
Copper Deficient in W. Pz. —	⊕ — qr. 3 lb. 24 @ £ 121 ₰ ton ..	5	16	9
Aqua Fortis wanting 1 Case ..	.. ..	28	10	6
		34	7	3
Europe Charges ½ ₰ cent	.. ..		3	4
		34	10	7
Advance 30 ₰ cent	.. ..	10	7	2
		£ 44	17	9 @ 8 sh
		P. 112	7	10

Henry Powney,
Imp^t. WareH^o.K^r.

Fort St. George,
29th. Augt. 1756.

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S BROAD CLOTH BY PUBLICK OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS.

Time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of ea Lot.	To whom sold.
Aug. 27th 1756	Broad Coth Aurora 2, Ordy. red 2, Do. Green 2	6 Bales	Pags. 500 3 60	Pags. 573		Pags. 576	Polingola Chittee
	Do. do.	6 Do.		..	..	576	Paupah Chittee
	Do. do.	6 Do.		..	..	576	Aupoo Chetti
	Do. do.	6 Do.		..	..	576	Arnagady Chittee
	Do. do.	6 Do.		..	..	576	Sheally Chittee
	Do. do.	6 Do.		..	..	576	Polingola Chittee
	Do. do.	6 Do.		..	..	576	Arnagady Chittee
		42 Bales amounting to				Pags .. 4032	

FORT ST. GEORGE 27 AUGT. 1756

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ HENRY POWNEY.

Impt. Warcho. Kr.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756* ——

Arriv'd His Majesty's Sloop Kingfisher Captain Toby from Fort S^t^. David. 4

MONDAY THE 6TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE.	STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 3d. Instant read and Sign'd.

Mr. Le Beaume arrives from Bengal. Letter from Mr. Manningham.

This morning arriv'd here Monsieur Le Beaume a French Gentlemen [*sic*] deputed with Mr. Manningham by Mr. Drake &ca. Council of Bengal at Fulta to represent to Us the Situation of Affairs and advise the necessary Steps to be taken and brought with him a General Letter from Mr. Charles Manningham which is as follows.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

I had the honour to forward from Vizagapatam & Bandamalanka two Copies of the dispatches from Bengal advising your Honour &ca. of the Governour & Council having deputed me with Monsr. Le Beaume to entreat the aid & Succours of your Presidency in order to effect the Re-establishment of our Settlement in Calcutta. I had flatter'd myself with hopes of a speedy Journey but the violent Rains in this part of the Country, together with a failure in our Pallankeen Bearers (from the difficulty and fatigue in travelling thro' a Country over flowed) impedes our Passage to such a degree we greatly fear our arrival at Madras will be very late; considering therefore the pressing occasion of our being deputed to Your Honour &ca. the necessity of the Bengal Affairs which require our greatest diligence being exerted, we have been induced (in earnest hopes of obtaining the desired end) to pursue the remainder of the journey separately. Your Honour &ca. will therefore receive this by Mr. Le Beaume, a Gentleman fully capable of acquainting you with the nature of the Supplies needfull and operations necessary to be perform'd.

I have furnish'd Mr. Le Beaume with Bearers, & some Seapoys well acquainted with the Road and have great hopes by the favour of Mr. Moracin to obtain the assistance of Horses at the different Settlements under his command in this Province which may enable Mr. Le Beaume to proceed with greater expedition & prove a Resource in case the Palankeen Boys are incapable of pursuing the Journey.

I have the honour to subscribe myself with great Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient & most humble Servant

CHARLES MANNINGHAM.

MASULIPATAM
PETTAH 28 AUGT. 1756

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756* ——

The President acquaints the Board that by the Conversation he has had with Mr. Le Beaume he does not find he has any thing to offer that can give any New lights into the Bengal Affairs.

Agreed to wait Mr. Manningham's Arrival.

Monsieur Le Beaume being a Frenchman the Board do not think it adviseable to give him any insight into their Affairs or Intentions and as he has nothing more to offer than has already been communicated it is Agreed to proceed no further untill Mr. Manningham's Arrival.

100 Pags. to be given Mr. Le Beaume.

Monsieur Le Beaume having been sent up by the Gentlemen at Bengal on the Companys Account and being in want of all manner of necessarys having lost everything at Calcutta Agreed that One hundred Pagodas be given him to provide Apparell &ca.

Proposals concerning the Boats and a New Regulation.

Letter from the Committee appointed to prepare & Embark the Stores for the Expedetion and to direct the Employment of the Boats, is now read as enter'd hereafter containing a Plan for New Regulating the management of the Boats Vizt.

That the Boats be given to the former Owners who are to be Answerable for the Crew and Service of every particular Boat.

That instead of the usual rate of six Fanams, seven fanams ₱ Trip be now paid by those who employ the Boats.

That to reimburse the Company for the Charges they have been at in rebuilding and refitting the Boats two fanams ₱ Trip be reserved for their use out of the above mentioned seven fanams ₱ Trip. And that when the Boats are employed for the Company three instead of two fanams be reserved as above out of the seven.

All which the Board approve.

Agreed to, Order 5th April relating to Boats &ca. Suspended.

An Order having passed in Consultation the 5th. April last for Confiscating and selling for the Companys Use the Houses and Boats of such of the head Boatmen who absconded in January and did not return upon Notice, and for regulating the Boat Account, that Order not being yet carried into execution is now suspended that a tryal may be made of the Method proposed as above.

Copper & Lead to be put up at Outcry the 6 November [*sic*]

Agreed that the Honble Companys Copper & Lead be put up at Outcry on Wednesday the 6th. day of October [*sic*] next.

Advances to the Commissary.

Agreed that Fifteen thousand (15000) Arcot Rupees be advanced out of the Treasury to the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad &ca.

And that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt.

Military Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Three thousand (3000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. And

Military Storekeeper.

To the Military Storekeeper One thousand (1000) Pagodas to provide Sundry Stores for the intended expedition to Bengal.

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756 ——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr. President
&ca. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We do ourselves the Honour to lay before you and to request your Approbation of the Regulations which We think necessary to be made in the Management of the Boats of this Place which were last Consultation put under our Direction as a Committee for the Service of the present Embarkation to Bengal.

These Regulations are the Result of the Informations given to our Enquirys on this Subject, which we shall first lay before You and then submit to your Judgment the Propriety of the Orders to be made in Consequence.

It is well known, that the Men who Ply the Boats are of a Cast the most Ignorant and consequently the most forward of any on the Coast Extreamly addicted to Drunkeness and ever unwilling to work whilst they have any Thing to spend.

Every Boat is rowed with ten Men, who hire themselves to the Service of that particular Boat, and as it would be difficult amongst the whole set of Rowers to find one of sufficient Discretion & Æconomy to maintain a Boat for three days together a Person who does not work himself builds a Boat engages the Crew and plys it for his own Profit. These Owners of the Boats live in the same Quarter as the Rowers & find Employment sufficient to keep the Crew together. In so much that We do not find any one of these Owners has ever kept more than two Boats under his own Eye, so great is the Trouble of keeping the Boat Fellows in Order.

The Owner pays the Crew 30 Cash to each able Man for each Trip & 20 Cash to such as are not quite so perfect so that supposing half the Crew are paid at 30 & half at 20–10 Men at 25 Cash are paid for each Trip 250 Cash equal to 3·10 for each Trip.

The price now paid for a Trip is Six Fanams & if the Boat makes three Trips a day, the Owner gains 8 fanams 50 Cash a day

Out of this Profit he is to be at the Expence of paying for the first Cost of the Boat for keeping it in constant Repair & scarce a day's Work passes without requiring some. And to rebuild the Boat if lost or when worn out. Add to these Expences at particular Times incurr'd by the Frowardness [*sic*] of the Boatmen who leave the Bounds and will not return without a Gratification and the People sent to look after them are a Charge Likewise.

The Owners of the Respective Boats had three or four Chiefs from whom they receiv'd Orders for the Disposition of the Service of the Boats and these Chiefs received their Orders from the Fort.

In this manner were the Boats conducted before the Time that the Chiefs ran away to Pulliacat and for a Time kept the Boatmen away.

Since when the Boats have been seized by the Company and put under the care of a single Person who formerly was an Owner of a Boat.

But experience has convinced us, that it is impossible for any single Person to keep together to their Duty all the Boat Fellows of this Place Scarcely can one Man suffice for the Crew of a single Boat.

We find 31 Persons who formerly were Owners of 33 Boats.

It is purposed to give up the Boats to these Owners who are to oblige themselves to work them constantly.

But as the Company have been at a large Expence in making & refitting these Boats, it is necessary that this Charge be reimbursed if possible.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756 ——

On Sundays never more than five or six Boats are alloted for Service. During the Monsoon scarce any Boats work at all. At other Seasons the Surf is often so high that no Boats can put off Reckoning all these to be Deductions of 140 Working days and Reckoning 30 Boats to ply at Work each Day and to make 3 Trips ℘ day We shall have in 225 the Working days 19850 Trips made by the Boats of the Settlement.

If a Fanam in every Trip is appropriated to reimburse the Company, 19850 Fanams or Pagodas 472.26 fanams will be yearly receiv'd to reimburse 2000 Pagodas which is nearly the Sum that has been expended on the Boats which Reimbursement cannot be deem'd sufficient.

At the same time We are convinced that much more than a Fanam cannot be taken without the danger of having the Service of the Boats deserted.

It is therefore proposed that in future Every Trip made by the Boats be paid for by every Person at the rate of Seven fanams a Trip and that two Fanams of each Trip be reserv'd for the Company which on the above Calculations will make a Reimbursement in the Year of 945. 10 Fanams And

That moreover all the Boats employed for the Company be liable to a Deduction in each Trip of three Fanams that is that instead of 7 only 4 Fanams be paid for each Trip.

If this Measure is approved the Regulations in Consequence are easily made.

A Check will be appointed & a Report daily given of the Number of Trips made in the day.

At the end of the Month the Money reserv'd for the Company will be collected according to that Report.

A List of the Owners will be always ready to be applied to if any Disorders or Negligence arise in the Service of any particular Boats. And these Owners will be made responsible & as it will depend on them to furnish the Boats, or to be punished They will take Care to satisfy the Boat Fellows & prevent their Desertion by ill Usage.

These are Regulations the best that occur to our Judgment & therefore deem'd by us necessary to be immediately put in Execution.

We submit them to your Consideration & are with great Respect.

MADRAS, HONBLE SIR & SIRS

SEPT. 5: 1756 Your Most Obed. & most H'ble Serts.

ROBERT CLIVE.
ROBERT ORME.
JOHN SMITH.

6 Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 15th. August and one from Ingeram dated the 22d. August 1756.

7 Receiv'd by French Pattamars from Massulipatam General Letter from Messrs. Watts & Collet at Chandernagore dated 18 July And one from Messrs. Richard Beecher &ca. Council at Dacca dated 13th. July.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756* ——

AT A CONSULTATION

WEDNESDAY THE 8 SEPTR.

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.
HENRY POWNEY.	ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.	JOHN SMITH.

COL. LAWRENCE *Absent being Indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Vizagaptm.

No. 129 From Mr. John Lewin Smith Provisional Chief &ca. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 15th. August advising that the Syren Sloop arrived there that morning from Bimblepatam And as the Companys Servants at Bengal have earnestly requested their Assistance and Mr. Manningham has represented them to be in very necessitous Circumstances and considering also that the Troops sent on the Delawar may encrease their Difficultys they therefore purpose returning the Sloop in a few days with Rice & Stores.

From Ingeram.

No. 130 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 22d. August advising that at the request of Mr. Charles Manningham he is preparing to send what Provisions and Stores he can to Bengal and has Freighted a Vessell for that purpose which he hopes to dispatch in Six or seven days. Cloth on hand Embaled 160 Bales at the Wash 183 Corge 16 Ps.

From Watts & Collet at Chardernagore & Messrs Beecher &ca at Dacca.

No. 131 From Messrs. Watts & Collet at Chardernagore with Copies of Letters between them & the President & Council of Bengal at Fulta. And No. 132 From Mr. Richard Beecher &ca. Council at Dacca, which are as follows.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Enclosed is a Packet for the Honble the Court of Directors which We have sent under a flying Seal for your perusal and beg you will close and forward it by the most expeditious conveyance.

We likewise send enclos'd Duplicates of Our Letters of the 6th. & 7th. Instant to Your Honour &ca. and are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

WILLM. WATTS.
M. COLLET.

CHARDERNAGORE,
THE 18 JULY 1756.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
CHARLES MANNINGHAM.
WILLIAM FRANKLAND.
WILLIAM MACKETT.
PETER AMYATT.
THOMAS BODDAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have receiv'd your Favour of the 6th. Instant from on Board the Daddalay of Fulta and are obliged to you for your Congratulations for Our safety. As we were Prisoners all the Time of Our stay in the Camp it was little We could

learn of the Nabobs intentions concerning the English Only. We heard from all Quarters that he was Greatly irritated against your Honour &ca. particularly the Governour against whom since the taking of the Place his expressions have been very harsh and He has threatened both French & Dutch with exterpation if they assist you with any Provisions therefore. We are without any hopes that an application to the Great Men will have any Effect at present, though had your Honour &ca. thought proper to Treat before the Nabob reached Calcutta We are pretty certain a Sum of Money would have made all easy prevented the Loss of the Settlement & the Ruin of many Thousands & We wrote to your Honour &ca. to that purpose when We were of Houghley the only Opportunity We had while in the Camp & are inform'd the Letter came to hand and a proof that the Nabobs intent was to accomodate matters, was that He touch'd none of the Companys Effects at Cossimbuzar except the Warlike Stores. Should the Nabob think fit to permit the English to return & resettle We are afraid it would not be only with the loss of all their Privileges but on such Shamefull Terms that Englishmen We hope will never consent to. And We likewise think that after your Honour & the Majority of you had quitted Fort William which still held our your Power as a Governour & Council from that Moment ceas'd & We are of Opinion that you have no Authority to indemnify Us for acting by your Orders in case Your future measures should not be approv'd of by Our Honble Masters for the above reasons We have declined delivering the Letters you sent us.

We hope you will on serious Consideration excuse Us for being so cautious in an Affair of such consequence. We are with Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Hble Serv.

WILLIAM WATTS.

M. COLLET.

CHARDENAGORE,

JULY 8TH. 1756.

COPY

TO WILLIAM WATTS & MATTHEW COLLET ESQRS.

GENTLEMEN

Your Letter of the 8th. Instant came to Hand this morning and We now Protest in behalf of Our Honble Employers against you William Watts & Matthew Collet Esqrs. for declining to obtain Translation & delivery of the Letters enclosed under your Cover to Monick Chund, Roy Doolob, Golam Hossein Cawn & Coja Wazeed for all Damages and Wrongs which may ensue by the deprivation of Our Privileges as contained in the Royal Phirmaund and do now possitively direct you to follow the Instructions We gave you in Our Letter of the 6th. Instant having been advised to take that Step & esteeming it Ourselves as Advantageous and for the Interest of the Honble Company.

We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedt. hum. Servt.

ROGER DRAKE *Junr*.
C. MANNINGHAM.
WM. FRANKLAND.
WILL MACKETT.
P. AMYATT.
THOS. BODDAM.

OFF FULTA,

THE 13 JULY 1756.

COPY

——— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756* ———

To the Hon͠ble Roger Drake Esq[r].

Charles Manningham William Frankland William Mackett Peter Amyatt Thomas Boddam	Esq[rs].

Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs

We have receiv'd your Letter or Protest dated the 13th. of July 1756 and are surprized you should Protest against Us for all Damages & wrongs which may ensue by the deprivation of Our Privileges as contain'd in the Royal Phirmaund when We think We can with more propriety say that the Majority of you Gentlemen deprived Our Hon͠ble Masters of their Privileges as contained in the Royal Phirmaund when you incensed the Nabob to come against Calcutta and then deserted the Place and fled on Board your Ships which in all probability & by all Accounts was the Occasion of the Loss of the Place which might have been defended if you had staid and by which Step We are of Opinion you abdicated your several Stations and are now no longer to be deem'd Servants of the Company but setting the above aside if We thought it had been for Our Hon͠ble Masters Interest We should not have hesitated a Moment getting the Letters Translated & deliver'd but if you at this Time look on yourselves as a Governour & Council you must of Course allow Us Our Stations, in consequence of which We are persuaded We have a right to dissent and make Our representations against any of your Measures which We think contrary to the Interest of Our Employers As an Application at Present We are of Opinion is and that it would be adviseable to wait to see what Steps the Governour & Council of Madras may be able to take to re-establish the Companys Affairs and Credit in Bengal. We having advised them of the taking of Calcutta the 3[d]. Instant by express * Cossids therefore We think an application will be more Efficacious and made with a better Grace when any Force Arrives from thence than it can at present whereas should the Nabob now Permit you to return into a Ruined and defenceless Town it may be with an Intent to Re-Plunder the Place and Secure your Persons for We are of Opinios the Nabob is not to be Trusted after things have gone the Length they have and as a further reason to imagine that Your return may be attended with a risque, is, the harsh & inveterate manner in which the Nabob has express'd himself against Mr. Drake.

We are Credibly informed that when you wrote Us you made Application to those Who had more Interest and Power to Give Weight to your proposals than We who by great Intercession had but just obtained our Liberty. On Our coming to the knowledge of this Our intermedling We thought might have been rather hurtfull than any ways of Service however if after the reasons We have given you are still of Opinion that the Letters you sent Us ought to be Translated and delivered We shall agreeable to your desire get them done and send them to the respective Persons directed except Golam Hossein Cawn who is turned out of the Province. We have no Power or Interest of Our Own to make Applications if We had We should certainly have before made Us [*sic*] of it for the Service of Our Hon͠ble Employers. We are with Respect.

Hon͠ble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Humble Servants

W. Watts.
M. Collet.

Chardernagore,
the 14 July 1756.

Copy

* Cossid, A courier or running messenger—Hobson—Jobson, page 262.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &c^t. Council
of Fort S^t. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is designed to inform you of a most melancholly & surprising Revolution in the Honble Companys Settlements here in Bengall having been all taken by the Nabob Seerajah Dowlat. As we have not received the least Advice from any of the Gentlemen of Calcutta of a later Date than the 9th. of June we are obliged to depend on the French for a particular Account of the taking of Fort William, we now enclose your Honour &c^t. the Account receiv'd by Monsieur Courtin the French Chief here from their Secretary at Chardanagore. We see no Reason to doubt the Authenticity of it more especially as every material Circumstance is confirm'd by the Moors who have from the beginning assured Us that the Cause of the Nabobs Anger against the English proceeded from the Governour & Council having given Protection to one Kissendoss who had been the Naib of this City, he retired to Calcutta in March last with great Riches part of which are said to belong to the Widow of Nowagies Mawmud Khan who died in November last & whose Riches Seer Rajah Dowlatt claim'd on his coming to the Subaship of Bengal when the Nabob sent a Perwannah to demand him M^r. Drake tore the Perwannah & threw it in the Face of his Messenger this Insult provoked Seer Rajah Dowlatt to such a Degree that they say he took an Oath to drive the English out of Bengal which he very soon put in Execution, as you'll observe Cossimbuzar was delivered without firing a Gun & Fort William only resisted him 3 Days. We take the Liberty to enclose your Honour &c^t. Copies of our Consultations of the 27th. & 28th. Ultimo when we were obliged to surrender our Factory & ourselves Prisoners to Seerajah Dowlatt from whom we are in hopes soon to obtain our Liberty as he has already releas'd Messrs. Watts & Collet &c^t. If we are so happy as to get our Liberty our present Design is to proceed to Madras when we shall depend on your Honour &c^t. Councils Protection & kind assistance having lost every Thing we had in the World except a few Cloaths. We would have sent you Copies of our Consultations & Letters from the beginning of the Dispute but as this goes by a Pattamar it would make too large a Packet. We design by a French Ship bound to Europe which is to leave Chardanagore next Month to address ourselves to the Honble Court of Directors & give them the best Account we are able of the miserable State of their Affairs in Bengal. As we flatter ourselves your Honor &c^t. Council will not think us any way to blame in delivering up our Factory after the surrender of Fort William, we are to request your kind representation of our Case should you have an Opportunity of writing the Court of Directors before We have the Pleasure to see you. As by all Accounts the Riches M^r. Drake &c^t. have carried off with them are immense We hope our Honble Employers will be in some Measure indemnified for the great loss they must have suffer'd by the taking their Settlements in Bengal.

We are with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants,

R. Beecher.
Luke Scrafton.
Thom: Hyndman.
Samuel Waller.

Dacca,
July the 13th. 1756.

— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756* —

Colonel Adlercron not having yet return'd any Answer to the Letter wrote him the 3d. Instant containing the Intended Plan of Operations it is AGREED to write him the following Letter which is accordingly now Sign'd. **Letter to Colonel Adlercron.**

TO JOHN ADLERCRON ESQR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE LAND FORCES IN INDIA.

SIR

The Advance of the Season obliges Us to remind You of the Letter we wrote You under the 3d. Instant, and to request the favour of an immediate Answer to it.

FORT ST. GEORGE, We are

THE 8 SEPTR. 1756. SIR

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Pushponatha Nayenar Renter of the Covelong Country pays in Four thousand (4000) Pagodas in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July when the Cowle expired. **Rents paid in for Covelong.**

Royal Pundat Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country pays in Ten thousand Pagodas (10000) in full for Six Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July when the Cowle expired. **7 Magans.**

Numboor Vencaty Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country pays in Seven thousand (7000) in further part of Six Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. June last. **Poonamallee**

AGREED that Twenty thousand Pagodas (20,000) be sent to Fort St. David by Peons overland, And **Money to be sent to St. David.**

That Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas, be advanced to Tellisinga Chitty &ct. Merchants on Account of the Investment. **Advance to Tellisinga Chitty.**

This being the day fixed for letting by Outcry the Farms of Trivitore, Egmore & Perembore &ct. Villages and it being now late in the day AGREED that the sale be put off to Tuesday the 14th. Instant & that Notice be given accordingly. **Letting sundry Farms put off to the 14 Inst.**

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

Arriv'd the Honble Companys Sloop Dragon Assim Condou from Fort David. 8

Receiv'd that following Letter from Colonel Adlercron in answer to one wrote him yesterday. 9

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756* ——

To George Pigot Esqr. President & Governour &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

I am directed by His Majesty to undertake no Service with the Troops, but with the advice and approbation of my Council of War, the which I cannot now assemble by reason of the indisposition of my Lieutenant Colonel and the absence of my Major; and therefore cannot immediately give you a positive Answer. As soon as Major Forde returns whom by the last Letters from him, I have reason to expect in a few days, I shall forthwith call a Council; and in the mean time as I make no doubt of their ready concurrence in an undertaking so essential towards retrieving the Affair of the Company at Bengal the necessary preparations may be made for our embarkation. I do not apprehend so short a delay can be of any great moment, as you seem resolv'd by the Letters with which you favoured me, both of the 30th. Ultimo and the 3d. instant, that we should wait the advices from Europe before we proceed on the intended Expedition.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

J. Adlercron.

Fort St. George,
9th. Septr. 1756.

9 Sail'd Ketch Heyderose, Agamoodo Hadjee for Ganjam.

— Arriv'd Ship Fata Jung, Peilpitch from Covelong.

10 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 7th. Instant.

12 Sail'd the Snow Hartop Thomas Savage for Vizagapatam with Treasure and Stores for the use of the Northern Settlements and General Letters to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam, Ingeram and Maddapollam dated Yesterday.

— Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 9th. Instant.

13 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 9th. Instant.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Robert Clive. Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
William Perceval. John Smith.

Charles Bourchier *Absent*.

Trivitore. Egmore. Perambore. } to be let.

This being the day appointed for letting the Farms of Trivitore, Egmore & Perembore with the several Villages belonging to those Districts.

It is AGREED that they be put up on the same Conditions as are contain'd in the former Cowles except the Term is now to be Five Years. For 5 Yr all other Conditions the same as last Cowles.

ORDER'D that the Secretary bid for the Company as far as the respective Sums of which they were let on the last Cowles. Sec to bid.

The Board then Adjourn'd to the Sea Gate.

AT THE SEA GATE.

The aforementioned Farms are put up at Outcry severally and let in the Order and in manner following Vizt. They are let Accordingly.

TRIVITORE &CT. VILLAGES.—Cryed down to Vencata Ramah for two thousand two hundred and Twenty Pagodas (2220) ℔ Annum for five Years commencing the 1st. Instant.

N.B.—This was let on the last Cowle for One Year at Pagodas 1300.

EGMORE &CT. VILLAGES.—Cryed down to Vencata Ramah for One thousand six hundred (1600) Pagodas ℔ Annum for Five Years commencing the 1st. Instant. NB.—This was let on the last Cowle for one Year at Pagodas 1250.

PEREMBORE &CT. VILLAGES.—Cryed down to Vencata Ramah for One thousand five hundred and fifty Pagodas (1550) ℔ Annum for five Years commencing the 1st. Instant. N.B.—This was let on the last Cowle for One Year at Pagodas 1206.

ORDER'D that the Purchaser propose his Security to the Board at the next Consultation. Security to be proposed at the next Cons.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. 14

Sent Twenty thousand Pagodas by Peons to Fort St. David with General Letter of this date. 15

Arriv'd Sloop Geeroonde Zwaard, Everet, from Pulliacat. —

Sail'd Brigantine Fatea Bux Malleck Ameen for Tenasseree. —

Wrote the following Letter to Admiral Watson. 16

TO CHARLES WATSON ESQR. REAR ADMIRAL OF THE RED AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR

As it will give great Satisfaction to the Gentlemen at Bengal to hear that all the preparations in our Power to reestablish them in Calcutta are now in pretty good readiness, and as it will be necessary the Pilot Sloops should be in waiting that the Ships may meet with no delay on their Arrival in Ballasore Road We are to request the favour of you to let the Kings Fisher Sloop proceed thither and to call at Vizagapatam on her way where if she should not meet with Mr. Drake or some of the Gentlemen belonging to Bengal she may doubtless have Intelligence from the Gentlemen at that Settlement of the Situation of Affairs

in Bengal. We are at the same time to beg that you will permit the Sloop to take what Musket Ammunition she can on board together with some small Cordage & a Hawser or two for the use of the Pilot Sloops.

We are

Sir

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
R. Clive.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.

Fort St. George,
the 16 Septr. 1756.

16 Sail'd Sloop Catharina Elizabeth, Eliphingstone for Sadras.

17 Received the following Letter from Admiral Watson.

To the President & Council of
Fort St. George.

Gentlemen

Last night I receiv'd your favour of yesterdays date. I shall give the Captain of the Kingsfisher Sloop orders to put in execution what you have requested and as soon as the Stores are on board, you propose sending, She will Sail immediately.

I am

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient humble Servt.

Charles Watson.

Fort St. George,
17 Septr. 1756.

17 Sail'd Sloop Geeroonde Zwaard—Everet, for Negapatam.

19 Sail'd Brigantine Indravemanu Mahameed, Caussum for Malacca.

Do. Ship Tata Jung, Peilpick, for Junk Ceylone.

Arriv'd the Honble Company's Ships Chesterfield Edwin Carter and Walpole Francis Fowler from England.

At a Consultation

Sunday the 19th

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Robert Clive. Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Packets ℔ Chesterfield & Walpole opened.

The Packet by the Chesterfield being open'd & Compared with the List is found to Agree therewith.

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The Packet by the Walpole being also open'd the Papers therein contain'd are compared with the List of the Packet and with those by the Chesterfield and except those which particularly relate to each Ship appear to be of the same tenour.

The General Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 11 February 1756 is now read. General Letter 11 February 1756 read.

The following Orders are now sign'd vizt.

To Captain Carter of the Chesterfield to deliver all the Military, Treasure Wares & Stores on board the said Ship as well as those Consign'd to this Presidency as those for Bengal together with the Company's Packet for the President & Council at Fort William. Order to Capt. Carter

To Captain Fowler to deliver all the Consignments to this Presidency with such of those for Bengal as shall be sent for together with the Companys Packet for Bengal. Order to Capt.Fowler.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

AT A CONSULTATION

TUESDAY THE 21ST

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE. STRINGR. LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

Letter from Colonel Adlercron dated the 20th. Instant with the Minutes of a Council of War held the same day read as follows. Letter from Colonel Adlercron.

TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

GENTLEMEN

For an answer to your two favours of the 30th. past, and the 3d. Instant. I refer you to the determination of my Council of War, a Copy of which I enclose You herewith.

ST THOMAS MOUNT,
20 SEPTR. 1756.

I am
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient humble Servant
JOHN ADLERCRON

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AT A COUNCIL OF WAR HELD AT ST. THOMAS MOUNT NEAR FORT ST. GEORGE THE 20TH. DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1756.

Present

Colonel John Adlercron, Commander in Chief.
Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Bagshaw.
Lieutenant Colonel Stringer Lawrence.
Lieutenant Colonel Robert Clive.
Major Francis Forde.

Captain William Hislop, Commandant of the Detachment of the Royal Artillery.

Two Letters, the one dated the 30th. August, the other the 3d. September 1756, from the President & Gentlemen of the General Council to Colonel Adlercron, were read; as were also the Instructions which the Colonel receiv'd from His Majesty.

The Colonel then referr'd to the Council, whether consistent with those Instructions he can undertake to transport His Majesty's Troops under his Command from the Coast of Choromandel to any other part of India; and whether in the present distress'd situation of affairs at Bengal he ought to go thither.

The Council are of opinion that the Colonel may, and that in consequence of the application made to him by this Presidency, he ought so to do.

The Colonel then submitted to the consideration of the Council the three following requests made to him by the General Council in their Letter of the 3d. September.

1. That he will assure them that on any future representation from them, he will be ready to Return on the Coast should the situation of their Affairs make such a request necessary.

2d. That as soon as Calcutta is retaken the whole property of it be delivered untouch'd to the Company's Representative for the Company's Benefit.

3. That one half of all the other Captures, which may be made, be appropriated to the Companys benefit.

In regard to the first Request the Council are of Opinion, that (as the Presidency at Bengal are acknowledged by the Gentlemen here to be independent of them and as this Presidency have particularly recommended to the Colonel, to have the same attention to the recommendations of the Companys Representatives at Bengal as he would have to any representations made to him here) the Colonel cannot take upon him to give any such assurance: and that the two Presidencies must determine that point between themselves.

With respect to the two other requests The Council are of Opinion, that no answer can be given but in concurrence with the Fleet, as they will probably be concern'd in some if not all, of the intended operations.

JNO. ADLERCRON.
SAMUEL BAGSHAW.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
ROBERT CLIVE.
FRANS. FORDE.
WILLM. HISLOP

A TRUE COPY.
JNO. ARNAC.
Secry.

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The Board having had under Consideration the intended Expedition to Bengal and the Advices lately receiv'd from Europe and thereupon the Question being put. **Debate of the Bengal Affairs.**

Whether upon the News received from Europe it is proper to undertake the Expedition to Bengal.

It is unanimously the Opinion of the Board that the Expedition be undertaken as the approach of the ensuing Monsoon will oblige the Squadron to leave the Coast whether they go to Bengal or no, and the Rains of the same Monsoon will prevent any Operations in the Field untill the Month of January by which time it is hoped that the desired Success will be obtain'd at Bengal. **Expedition to be undertaken.**

It was then taken into Consideration What Resolution would be necessary in case during the Expedition to Bengal News of a War with France should arrive and the Coast become again the Seat of War. If at that time the Successes that We may have had at Bengal should not have proved sufficient to reduce the Nabob to a Compliance with such terms as will be necessary for the Secure and proper Re-establishment of the Companys Settlements in his Province. **Further Consideration thereon.**

In such case the Board are of Opinion that it would be imprudent to risque the certain Possession of the Companys Establishments on this Coast for the Chance of Advantages which if not obtained by that time will be attended with great doubt of success in Bengal where the Companys Loss cannot be greater than it is at present, And it is therefore determined that if the Situation of Affairs in future should require the recalling of the Troops We may now send, That the Troops shall be so recalled and if the Fort of Calcutta when retaken shall be deem'd with a proper Garrison tenable, that Garrison and a Guard Ship be left there after the recalling the Troops.

It was then taken into Consideration by the Board how far it is consistent with the Respect due from one Presidency to another to keep a Body of Troops sent to Bengal under our own Directions instead of putting them under that of the Presidency of Bengal as the Companys Establishment of the respective Presidencies makes them indepependant of each other.

The Board are of Opinion that too great a Respect cannot be paid to every Establishment made by Our Hoñble Masters but in the present Circumstances, if ever it appears to them that the great Law of necessity must over rule all others, and as the necessity of keeping what the Company have is evidently and infinitely the Superior Consideration the Board are unanimously of Opinion that the Troops now to be sent to Bengal be kept under their own Power. And as this is thought by the Board a Justification sufficient for their Conduct in the present Measures, they decline corroborating it with the Companys declaration at the loss of Madras, when they declared that none of the Gentlemen of this Presidency remain'd in their Service after the loss of the Place. This Consideration as equals only to the Gentlemen of Bengal the Board do not pretend to determine on.

The above reasons make it appear Conclusive to the Board that the present Expedition be put under the Command of an Officer in the Service of the Company and this is thought to be made more materially necessary as thereby the Steps which in case of the expected Success may be thought proper to be taken for the benefit of the Companys Interest will be indisputably placed in the Power of their Servants who will be Subject to our Orders.

Another Consideration that evinces the necessity of putting the Expedition under the Command of one of the Companys Officers is that in case the Nabob should not by Treaty make ample Reparation for the immense Damages the Company have Sustain'd by his Violences, it is the Intention of the Board to

reimburse the Company as far as possible by Reprisals. But as the Board are uncertain whether the Laws direct any and what distribution of things acquired by Arms, The Duty they owe the Company demands that a Matter of such Importance be not left in doubt and liable to Contest when they may have it in their Power to secure the property of such Acquisitions to the Company by employing their own Officers and Troops.

It is therefore thought from the foregoing Reasons absolutely necessary to employ the Companys Officers & Troops.

The Number of Troops necessary to be sent being now taken under Consideration.

Agreed that Six hundred Rank & File be sent and One hundred of the Train.

And as Colonel Clive has before offer'd his Services he is now desired on many Considerations to accept the Command which he very readily does.

Agreed that Mr. Smith (one of the Members of this Board) and Mr. John Walsh be join'd with Colonel Clive as Deputy from this Board for Conducting the Expedition, And that Mr. Maunsell accompany them to assist under their Directions.

Mr. Smith being present accepts the Charge with Alacrity.

The Board then having taken under Consideration the Instructions and Powers necessary to be given to Messrs. Clive, Smith & Walsh, After much Debate, in which the retaining the Troops of the Expedition under our Command was the Basis of the Arguments. It is Agreed that the Powers and Instructions so to be given be as follows.

First — That the Gentlemen at Calcutta be desired by Us to form a Plan of a Treaty which the Deputys be directed to abide by the tenour of, and make the Basis of their Correspondence and transactions with the Nabob.

Secondly — That Colonel Clive be directed to proceed to all such Hostilitys as he thinks will most likely bring the Nabob to those terms untill he has had the Success to do so. Or untill he finds it utterly impracticable. Or untill he is recalled by Us.

Thirdly — That the Deputys be desired to receive and attend to the Advice of the Gentlemen at Bengal, to weigh the same maturely and if they think proper to deviate from it in any respect that they have the Power so to do but on Assigning reasons to Us to be transmitted to the Company.

Fourthly — That the Deputys be directed to re-establish the Gentlemen of Bengal in Calcutta as soon as his Successes shall render it proper, and that they do when the Place is in a sufficient State of Security put those Gentlemen in Possession of all such part of the Company Effects as shall remain with them, and be of no further use to them. And that in case the Nabob should Agree to a reasonable Treaty with the English that they do put all the Possessions acquir'd by that Treaty under their management.

This being Agreed upon as the Basis of the Instructions and Powers to be given to the Deputys.

Agreed to write to Colonel Adlercron That we return him thanks for his readiness to move with his Regiment to Bengal but as the Power of recalling him at an Emergency seems to be attended with an uncertainty of which our own Situation will not admit of the least. And as we should run the risque of incurring the severest displeasure of our Masters should We put the property of the Acquisition that may be made in Bengal into any manner of doubt or Contest when we can keep it in our own Power to reimburse the Losses they have Sustain'd with such Acquisitions, by employing their own Officers &

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Troops. We do therefore purpose sending a Body of the Companys own Troops to Bengal. But at the same time that it will give Us a particular Satisfaction if he will let any part of His Majesty's Regiment be join'd to them provided they are Commanded by an Officer who by his Rank can serve under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Clive And that We request he will let His Majestys Artillery with the Officers and Train thereunto belonging to proceed down on the Service of the Expedition as by the Nature of the Nabob of Bengals Forces We think that the Success of the Expedition will greatly depend on the Service of the Field Pieces, acquainting him at the same time that We have Eight Six Pounders now in Garrison and expect several more by the first Ship from Bombay to replace His Majestys Train.

AGREED to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David to send up Five Companys of the Seapoys there who are to march overland under the Command of Kerjah Singh and that they also Draught from their Garrison Seventy of the Military and thirty of the Train and send them hither by Sea Conveyance with Captains Campbell & Callender of the Military and Lieutenant Brooke of the Train. *To write to St. David for some Seapoys Military & Train.*

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Three thousand Seven hundred Pagodas (3700) on his running Account. *Money paid in by Impt. Ware Ho. Kr.*

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account. *Sea Customer.*

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers pay in Six hundred and Sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last. *Beetle & Tobacco.*

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine Licence pay in three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333–12) for one Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last. *Arrack & Wine.*

Pushponatha Nayenar late Renter of the seven Magans of the Tripossore Country pays in Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas which (with Five thousand (5000) Pagodas paid in the 15 September 1755 and three thousand five hundred (3500) Pagodas paid in the 6th. January 1756) is in full for six Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July 1755 when the Cowle expired. *7 Magans.*

AGREED that Three thousand (3000) Pagodas be advanced the Military Storekeeper for the Charges of that Employ. *Advance to Military Store Kr.*

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

Sent the following Letter to Colonel Adlercron. 22

TO JOHN ADLERCRON ESQR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE LAND FORCES IN INDIA.

SIR

We have receiv'd the favour of your Letter dated the 20th. Instant enclosing Copy of the Deliberations of the Council of War of the same day, to which you have been pleas'd to refer us.

We have a very sincere Sense of Your readiness to assist the Companys Affairs express'd by your Consent to let the Regiment proceed to Bengal.

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But as the Intention of warring with the Nabob of Bengal is by no means the only Object of our Considerations in sending our Troops there, So these other Considerations have determined us to think that there is now an absolute necessity of putting all the Troops which we may send under an Officer in the Service of the Company who we know will implicitly obey the Orders he may receive from Us.

The first Consideration that has lead us to this Determination, is, that the Situation of our Affairs and the future Circumstances with which they are threatened, make it absolutely necessary that Whatever Troops may now be sent to remain under our own Command, So as that we may be certain of their returning to us at the very first Warning without attention to any Representations by whomsoever made. The Companys Letters by the Ships just arriv'd convince Us of the necessity of this Resolution. Now Sir to You we can only make Requests, our own Officer we know we can certainly command. In Times of such critical Importance We beg you will permit Us, with all defence to determine to be at an absolute Certainty on the Power of recalling the Troops we may send.

The Second Consideration that evinces to Us the necessity of putting this Expedition under the Command of one of our own Officers is that our Intentions are in Case the Nabob will not by Treaty make ample Reparation for the immense Damages the Company have sustained by his Violences. We say it is our intention then to reimburse the Company as well as we can by whatever Reprisals we shall be able to make. We can in this Consideration likewise only make requests to You, but as we do not pretend to be competent Judges of the Laws in such Cases We may venture to say, that we believe there are no regular ones We shall run the risque of incurring the severest Displeasure of Our Masters, should we, when we can keep it in our own Power to reimburse the Losses they have sustained with the Acquisitions made by the Troops whom their Money is to maintain, Should we, We say put the Property of those Acquisitions into any manner of Doubt or Contests.

Permit Us Sir at the same time to acquaint You that it will give us a particular Satisfaction if You shall think proper to let any part of his Majesty's Regiment be joined to Our Troops on this Expedition provided they are Commanded by an Officer who by his Rank can serve under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Clive, whom we have appointed to the Command of this Expedition.

We are necessitated in behalf of the Welfare of this Expedition & of the East India Companys Affairs to request of you to permit His Majesty's Train of Artillery with Captain Hislops Command, to proceed with Colonel Clive, as the Success of this Expedition will in the greatest measure depend on the Service of the Artillery of which our own Store is not sufficient by the Disappointment of those intended for Us by the Dodington & the whole of a large Train of Artillery sent to Bombay and detained hitherto by Mr. Bourchier.

We have the Honour to acquaint you that We have in the Garrison Eight 6 Pounders & expect several more from Mr. Bourchier by the first Conveyance which will be ready to replace those We now request of you and which are already embarked on the Marlbro'.

Permit Us to request as the lateness of the Season now makes every hour of Consequence to be favoured with an immediate Answer to this Address.

We are
Sir
Your Most Obt. hum. Serts
George Pigot &ct. Council.

Fort St. George,
the 22d. Sepr. 1756.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

ROBERT CLIVE. STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

WEDNESDAY THE 22D.

The President acquaints the Board that the Select Committee have receiv'd a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors by the Chesterfield and Walpole dated the 13th. February last of which the following is the 3d. Paragraph Viz.

" In the present dangerous Situation of Affairs we have thought it highly " necessary to appoint a Select Committee at Fort William with Similar " Powers to those you and the Select Committee at Bombay are invested with " to transact Affairs and take such Measures as shall best conduce to the Pro- " tection and Preservation of the Company's Estate, Rights, & Priviledges. " The said Committee is composed of Roger Drake Esqr. &ct. with whom there- " fore as well as with the Select Committee at Bombay you are to correspond & " act in concert for the General & particular Protection of the Companys " Trade, Possessions and Rights wherever & whenever they may be in danger.

The Board being of Opinion that the Transactions for re-establishing the Company in their Rights and Privileges at Bengal do properly fall under the Direction of the Secret Committee by virtue of the following Paragraph It is therefore now referred to the said Committee to do therein as they shall think proper and that they may be fully inform'd of the Steps that have already been taken.

ORDER'D that a Copy of the Letters received & sent and of all the Resolutions of Council any ways relative thereto be delivered to the said Committee.

GEORGE PIGOT.
ROBERT CLIVE.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated yesterday. 22D.

Sailed His Majestys Sloop Kingfisher for Vizagapatam & Bengal with General Letters for the Gentlemen at Bengal dated the 18th. & 21st. Instant & for Vizagapatam dated this day. —

Sail'd the Honble Company's Sloop Dragon, Assem Condou for Fort St. David. 23

Do. Brigantine Keyermoobauck, Mamoonaina for Jonk Ceylon. —

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 20th. Instant. —

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. —

Sail'd His Majestys ship Bridgwater Captain Henry Smith for Fort St. David. 24

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24 Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 3d. Instant.

25 Arriv'd Ship Bombay Frigate Henry Prettie from Bengal & Vizagapatam.

28 Receiv'd from Admiral Watson the following Letter.

GENTLEMEN

By a report made me this morning of the defects of the Kent, I find she is in so bad a condition, that she cannot proceed to Sea, without dismounting several of her Guns from her extreme parts and clearing her of all her Stores; and I believe part of her Provisions and even then she will be a very improper Ship to encounter a Gale of Wind; however as you are desirous the whole Squadron should proceed on the Expedition to Bengal, and as its' a service of the utmost consequence to the Companys Affairs, I am willing to risque the Kent, But I must first desire you will not think of sending home the Chesterfield at this time, but order her Captain to receive such Stores and Provisions, as is necessary to be taken out of the Kent, and indeed most of the Ships must part with before they proceed up the River Bengal.

I make no doubt Gentlemen, as the safety of a number of His Majesty's Subjects depends on the detention of this Ship you will readily comply with my request and I beg leave to say I was sorry to hear you had any thoughts of sending home the Chesterfield before the Expedition was over, as the Number of Troops I hear, you intend to send could not have been carried without her Assistance.

I am

GENTLEMEN

Your most obedient humble Servant
CHAS. WATSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28 SEPTR. 1756.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

28 Sent the following Answer to Admiral Watson.

TO CHARLES WATSON ESQR. REAR ADMIRAL OF THE RED AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF HIS MAJESTY'S SQUADRON IN INDIA.

SIR

We have been favour'd with your Letter of this date and are under very great concern to hear the Kent is in so bad a Condition as to oblige you to ease her by dismounting part of her Guns and Clearing her of some of her Stores. The Marlbro' who is intended to proceed with the Squadron to Bengal will We believe take in near all the Stores We have to send so that the Walpole which is the largest of our Ships can doubtless take every thing aboard that you may see proper to Transport from the Kent. The Guns and Weighty Stores will be of Service to her as we should otherwise be obliged to send a large Quantity of Ballast aboard. We please ourselves with the thoughts that these two Ships will answer all the purposes you mention should they not there is a private Ship now in the Road which might be hired for a Storeship on His Majesty's Account

which We take the Liberty to acquaint you with as We think it would be very detrimental to the Companys Affairs to deprive them of the Benefit of a Cargo from hence at this time.

We are
Sir

Fort St. George,
the 28 Septr. 1756.

Your most Obedient humble Servants

George Pigot.
Robert Clive.
Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Will. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Arrived His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater Captain Henry Smith from Fort St. David with a General Letter from thence dated 28th. Instant. 29

At a Consultation

Present Wednesday the 29th.

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

——,,—— Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval. John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

Colonel Clive *Absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of Consultations dated the 8th. 14th. 21st. & 22r. Instant read & Signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Fort St. David.

No. 133 No. 134 No. 136 & No. 138 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. & the other Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David. The first dated the 7th. Instant Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 31st. August & acquainting Us that they have given Directions to the Committee of Works to examine & take for the Companys Account such of the Ballances that are due to Mr. Norris as appear reasonable. That they dispatched the Dragon Sloop to us the preceeding Day with Sundry Stores & now enclose an Invoice of them as also a Compleat List of the Invalids & Pensioners on their Establishment in the form We desired. That they likewise send us Copy of a Report of unserviceable Stores in that Garrison concerning which they request our Directions, That their Cash is brought very low by an Advance made to their Merchants Upon a promise of bringing in better Cloth in future and by the Disbursements of the Settlement, which obliges them to Request a further supply. Enclosing their Consultations for July & the Monthly Accounts with the Committee Report on them. The second is dated the 9th. Instant & advises of having Granted Alexander Wynch Esqr. a sett of Bills of Exchange on Us for three thousand Pagodas which they

hope We will approve of as their Cash is very low. The third dated the 20th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 14th. with the supply of Twenty thousand Pagodas and Requesting a further supply of Stationary as what we Have already sent is by no means sufficient to answer the Expence at the Settlement even without supplying DeveCotah or Trichinopoly. The fourth dated the 28th. Acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 21st. & 23d. Instant & acquainting Us of the arrival there of His Majesty's Ship Bridgwater the preceeding day & that the Military were immediately landed & the Rupees also which turn out right, and that agreeable to our Commander That Ship now returns with One hundred Men drafted from the Military & Train of their Garrison with Captains Campbell & Callender, Lieutenant Brooke & Ensign Knox, as also with sundry Military Stores & Thirty three Bales as ℔ Invoices enclosed and that Kerjah Sing march'd with five Companys of Seapoys the 24th. & the Rolls are now sent.

From DeveCotah.

No. 135 From Mr. James Bourchier Chief at DeveCotah dated the 9th. Instant requesting Permission to entertain a Monthly Writer as Mr. Brickendens ill state of Health which he has long laboured under renders him at present incapable of attending to the Companys Business & Representing that it is necessary We should appoint some Person there the Companys Head Conicoply. That Application has been made to him by Mr. John Drake whom We lately promoted to the Rank of Ensign for the Difference of Pay due to him from the Date of his Commission, but he defers complying with it till he receives our directions. That the Transporting the Supplies of Stores which he is under a Necessity of indenting for for the use of the Garrison being attended with an Expence of Cooley hire as well as a Risk of Miscarriage in case of any Disturbances in the Country, he is induced to make a Proposal for Providing them there as they can be furnished at the same Rates as stipulated at Madras which will be a saving to the Company. That the Repairs of the Fortifications We directed are far advanced but that we may the more clearly know what is finished & what further to be done, he has desired Mr. Hume to draw a Plan of it which shall be sent us when finished. That on Examining the Ground where the intended Ditch was to be made & the Counter Guards erected Mr. Hume has discovered two Walls that formerly composed the faces of a Ditch of 57 feet wide surrounding the Fort, which he imagines will in some measure decrease the Estimate of Mr. Humes Plan as well as Occasion some Alteration in it. That a Seapoy having been destroy'd by an Alligator in coming to his Duty to the Fort, he requests our Direction Whether he shall adhere to the usual Practice on like Occasions of granting a Pension to the deceased's Family.

From Vizagapatam.

No. 137 From Mr. John Lewin Smith Provisional Chief &ct. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 3d. Instant acquainting us that they return'd the Syren Sloop to Bengal on the 25 Ultimo with some Rice & other Necessaries as ℔ Invoice which they enclose, but were unable to assist the Gentlemen there with Stores further than by supplying the Sloop with what she was most in want of being themselves bare of all kinds, the Particulars of which they send us sign'd by Captain Smith. That their Cash Account which is now transmitted with the other Monthly Papers, will shew Us the necessity they were drove to for Money for carrying on the Investment & even defraying the Current Expences of the Garrison till Mr. Smith advanced for the Companys Account Twenty thousand Arcot Rupees (20,000) and Ten thousand Madras (10,000) Pagodas. A step which they hope We will approve as it has already been the Means of the Merchants bringing in a considerable Part of the Amount in Cloth, That their Cash however is now reduced to its former low state which obliges them to entreat to have a large supply both of Rupees & Pagodas & That one of their Train named Peter Hare having served his contracted time & requested his Discharge, they have granted it & he returns to Us on this Ship.

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AGREED that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be directed to sell at Outcry the Unserviceable Stores (a Report whereof is enclosed in their Letter of the 10th. Instant) for the most they will fetch and to write of the difference to Profit & Loss and it is ordered that a further supply of Stationary be sent them agreeable to their request of the 20th. Instant. **St. David wrote to.**

AGREED to write to Mr. James Bourchier Chief of DeveCotah in Answer to his foregoing Letter that whilst Mr. Brickenden continues so much indisposed as to be incapable of going thro' his Branch of Business a Monthly Writer may be employed That We do not approve of a Head Conicoply but that such only as are immediately necessary for transacting the Companys Business may be employed. That Mr. John Darke or his Representatives may be paid the difference of pay due to him from the date of his Commission. That the Seapoys Widow whose Husband was killed by an Alligator is not to be allowed any Pension nor any other person whatsoever without leave from hence. In regard to the providing of Stores at DeveCotah the Military Storekeeper is directed to compare the prices in the List sent up by Mr. Bourchier in his abovementioned Letter and if they do not exceed the prices of those made here the Board approve of their being provided at DeveCotah. **DeveCotah to be wrote to.**

AGREED that the Chesterfield be dispatched to Europe in all next Month if possible and that all preparation be made accordingly. **Chesterfield to be dispatched to Europe in all next Month.**

Letters from the Surgeons of the Chesterfield & Walpole read requesting to be paid the usual Head money on the Recruits landed here from those Ships ORDER'D that the Military Paymaster discharge the same. **Head money to be paid to the Surgeons of the Chesterfield & Walpole.**

An Account of Six months Salary due to the Honble Companys Covenanted Servants at this Presidency the 25th. Instt. amounting to two thousand one hundred & two Pagodas twenty seven fanams and forty Cash (2102–27–40) is now laid before the board (as entered hereafter) and ORDER'D to be paid. **Account Salary due 25 Instant pass'd.**

The President reports that the Secret Committee have Agreed to let the two undermentioned Farms to Mahomet Ayar Cawn for one Year and that Linga Chitty offers to be his Security Vizt. Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country for Nineteen thousand (19000) Pagodas. **7 Magans & Mannamangalam let for 1 Yr. to Mahomed Ayar Cawn.**

Mannamagalum for Thirteen thousand (13000) Pagodas.

ORDER'D that Cowles be drawn out accordingly. **Cowles to be drawn out.**

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Twenty thousand fanams (20000) amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams ℘ Pagoda to Five hundred and fifty five Pagodas twenty fanams (555. 20) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Five thousand Pagodas into fanams this Month at forty fanams ℘ Pagoda & brought to Account at thirty six fanams ℘ Pagoda. **Money paid in by Cashkeeper.**

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Three thousand two hundred Pagodas (3200) on his running Account. **Import Ware Ho. Kr.**

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in Seven hundred Pagodas (700) on his running Account. **Sea Customer.**

William Perceval Land Customer pays in two hundred and Forty six Pagodas and seven Cash (246–7) for the August Ballance of that Account. **Land Customer.**

The President lays before the Board five Bills on Gocul Tervaudy amounting in the whole to Sixteen thousand nine hundred and twenty one Arcot Rupees Seven Anaes (A.Rs. 16921–7) and One thousand Eight hundred and seventy nine Pagodas four fanams and Sixty five Cash (P. 1879. 4. 65) which are now due being in full of the Ballance due on Account the Tripoty Rents for the third or last June Kist of the Year of Phasely 1165. **Bills for Tripoty Rents to be recd into the Treasury & same sum advd. the Commissary.**

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ORDER'D that the said Sums be received into the Treasury and Issued again to the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad.

further Advance to the Commissary.

AGREED that the further Sum of Twenty thousand (2000) Rupees be advanced from the Treasury to the Commissary if he should have occasion to employ the same for the Charges of the Troops abroad &c[t]. AND that Forty thousand Rupees (40,000) be Issued for the Charges of the Bengal Expedition to M[r]. John Walsh Paymaster to the said Expedition.

Advance Accot. the Bengal Expedition.

Interest to be paid the China Jesuits.

Father Lavaur Superior of the Jesuits at Pondicherry having desired to be paid One Years Interest which became due the 31st. March to the China Jesuits on a Bond for Pagodas Twenty thousand (20,000) borrowed of them at 6 ℔ C[t]. ℔ Annum amounting to Twelve hundred Pagodas (1200) ORDER'D that the said Sum be paid out of Cash and that the following Advances be made thereon.

Advance to the Paymaster.

To the Paymaster Ten thousand (10000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Military Paym[r].

To the Military Paymaster Nine thousand (9000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ AND

To Linga Chittee and Servannah Chitty Companys Merchants Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas on Account of the Investment.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILL[M]. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CH[S]. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HON[BLE] GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[T]. COUNCIL
AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

Fiftyone Recruits for the Hon[ble] Companys Military having been landed here from the Ship Walpole of which I am Surgeon I humbly request Your Honour &c[t]. will be pleas'd to order the Payment of the usual Gratuity to

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

FORT S[T]. GEORGE,
29 SEPT[R]. 1756.

Your most Obedient hum[ble]. Servant
JN[O]. WHITE.

TO THE HON[BLE] GEORGE PIGOT ESQ[R].
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C[T]. COUNCIL
AT FORT S[T]. GEORGE.

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

Thirty four Recruits for the Hon[ble] Companys Military having been landed here from the Ship Chesterfield of which I am Surgeon I humbly request Your Honour &c[t]. will be pleased to order the Payment of the usual Gratuity to

HON[BLE] SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient hum[ble]. Serv[t].
THO[S]. CARNEGIE.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE,
THE 29 . SEPT[R]. 1756.

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ACCOUNT SALARY DUE TO THE HON^BLE COMPANYS CONVENANTED SERVANTS FROM THE 25TH. MARCH TO THE 25TH. SEPT^R. 1756.

		M	D	℔ Ann	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	P	F	C
George Pigot Esqr ..	.. President & Governour	6	—	£ 200	100	—	—						
	Gratuity	..		100	50	—	—	150	—	—	575	—	—
Henry Powney ..	.. 2^d. of Council	..		100				50	—	—	125	—	—
Robert Orme ..	.. 3^d. of D°.	..		70				35	—	—	87	18	—
William Perceval ..	.. 3^d. of D°.	4	15	40	15	—	—						
	4th of D°.	1	15	50	6	5	—	21	5	—	53	4	40
John Smith ..	.. 5 of D°.	..		40				20	—	—	50	—	—
Charles Bourchier	.. 6 of D°.	..		40				20	—	—	50	—	—
John Walsh ..	.. Senior Merchant ..	6		40				20	—	—	50	—	—
Henry VanSittart	.. Junior D°.	6		30	15	—	—						
	Gratuity as Translator	..		30	15	—	—	30	—	—	75	—	—
Samuel Ardley ..	.. D°. ..	..		30				15	—	—	37	18	—
Edward Edwards	.. D°. ..	..		30									
	Gratuity as Assay Mas-				15	—	—						
	ter	..		80	40	—	—	55	—	—	137	18	—
Charles Hopkins ..	.. D°. ..	..		30				15	—	—	37	18	—
Josias Du Pre ..	.. Factor	6		15									
	Gratuity as Secretary ..	..		100	7	10	—						
	D°. as Clerk of the				50	—	—						
	Peace	..		45	22	10	—	80	—	—	200	—	—
John Browning ..	.. D°. ..	..		15									
James Alexander ..	.. D°. ..	..		15				7	10	—	18	27	—
	Gratuity as Sub Accompt^t.	..		100	7	10	—						
	D°. for keeping the				50	—	—						
	Compays Acct^s with												
	the May^rs. Court ..	..		20	10	—	—	67	10	—	168	27	—
John Smith ..	.. D°. ..	..		15				7	10	—	18	27	—
Daniel Morse ..	.. D°. ..	..		15	7	10	—						
	Gratuity for keep^g.												
	the Books of the				10	—	—	17	10	—	43	27	—
	May . Court ..	..		20									
					Carried over			611	5	—	1528	4	40

Account Salary due to the Honble Company's Convenanted Servants from the 25th March to the 25th Septr. 1756—*cont.*

		M.	D.	₱ Ann	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	P	F	C
							Brought over	611	5	—	1528	4	40
Charles Simpson ..	.. Writer	2	2	5									
	Factor	3	28	15	—	17	2	5	15	6	14	16	—
George Stratton ..	.. Writer	2	2	5	4	18	4						
	Factor	3	20	15	—	17	2	5	15	6	14	16	—
Philipus Francis Green-slate.	Writer	2	2	5	4	18	4						
	Factor	3	28	15	—	17	2	5	15	6	14	16	—
Matthew Clarke ..	.. Writer	2	2	5	4	18	4						
	Factor	3	28	15	—	17	2	5	15	6	14	16	—
Henry Brooke ..	.. Writer	2	17	5	4	18	4						
	Factor	3	13	15	1	1	4	5	7	2	13	15	40
Thomas Maunsell ..	.. Writer	2	17	5	4	5	10						
	Factor	3	13	15	1	1	4	5	7	2	13	15	40
Claud Russell ..	.. Writer	6	—	5	4	5	10						
	Gratuity as Accomp^t. General of the May^rs. Court			20	2 10	10 —	— —	12	10	—	31	9	—
Thomas Rumbold	.. Writer			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
George Pyne ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Smith ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Alexander Dalrymple	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
John Davidson ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Samuel Johnson ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
James M^c. Carmick	.. D^o.			5				1	7	9	3	17	—
James Broadbent ..	.. D^o.	3	10	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
William Aldersey ..	.. D^o.	6	—	5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Robert Dowset ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
John Palmer ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Charles Floyer ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
William Barker ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
John Maxwell Stone	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Archdale Palmer ..	.. D^o.			5				2	10	—	6	9	—
Abraham Browne ..	.. D^o.			5									
							Carried over	696	9	1	1741	8	40

Account Salary Due to the Honble Company's Convenanted Servants from the 25th March to the 25th Septr. 1756—*cont.*

					Brought over	696	9	1	1741	8	40
John Douglas	Writer	..		5	..	2	10	—	6	9	—
James Hay	D^o.	1	15	5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
Alexander Leigh	D^o.	..		5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
John Crawfurd	D^o.	..		5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
Henry Parsons	D^o.	..		5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
Thomas Lane	D^o.	..		5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
Thomas Hamilton ..	D^o.	2	20	5	..	1	2	2	2	28	—
William Stevenson ..	D^o.	1	15	5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
James Taylor	D^o.	..		5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
Richard Fitzpatrick	D^o.	..		5	..	—	12	6	1	20	20
The Reverend Mr. Robert Palk.	Chaplains.	6	—	100	..	50	—	—	125	—	—
The Reverend Mr. Samuel Stavely.	Chaplains.			100		50	—	—	125	—	—
Andrew Munro	Surgeons ..	..		36	..	18	—	—	45	—	—
Robert Turing	Surgeons			36	..	18	—	—	45	—	—
					@ 8^s ₽ Pagoda	841	1	3	2102	27	40

Errors Excepted
₽ Robert Orme.
Accomptant.

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2 Received by Pattamars General Letter from Tellicherry dated 16th. Septr.

4 Arrived Sloop George Owen Williams from Bandarmalanka with the following General letters Vizt.

From Bandarmalanka dated 28th. September.
From Ingeram 18 Do.
From Do. Duplicate 26 Do. Original not yet receiv'd.

6 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 4th. Instant.

7 Arrived the Honble Company's Sloop Dragon Assem Condou Syrang from Fort St. David.

— Do. Snow Don Carlos, Balla Syrang from Ingeram.

Sent by Pattamars General Letter to Bombay dated this day.

8 Arrived Snow Lapwing, William Powney, from Mocha & Bombay with General Letter from the President & Council at Bombay dated 10 September.

10 Sail'd the Boneta Ketch John Edwards for Bengal.

11 Arriv'd the Honble Companys Ship Protector—England, from Bombay

— Do. Snow Neptune Ballea Syrang from Bandermalanka with General Letter from the Resident dated 3d. Instant.

— Sail'd Ship Bombay Frigate Henry Prellie for Bombay.

— Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 8th. Inst.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Monday the 11th

Robert Clive.	Stringr. Lawrence.
Henry Powney.	Robert Orme.
William Perceval.	John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 29 Ultimo read & Signed.

General Letters read Viz.

General Letters read From Tellicherry.

No. 139 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &ct. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 16th. Ultimo enclosing Copy of a Letter from the British Consul at Cairo and acquainting Us that the French by the Mediation of their Prince had again got into the Possession of Motaly but as they have since broke the Articles settled with the Nelleseram Powers they imagine Hostilitys will again Commence. The abovementioned Letter from Cairo is dated 12th. May and advises that Eight days before a Boat arrived at Alexandria in 14 days from Marseilles and brings the News that they met Twenty French Men of War and Two hundred Transports with Eighteen Thousand Men on board which came from Toulon and were going to Attack Mahone.

From Ingeram.

No. 140 & No. 141 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram the first dated the 18th. Ultimo advising that he has Consigned to Us on the Companys Account by the Don Carlos Snow Two hundred and fifty five Bales of Calicoes. That the European who (as he sometime ago acquainted Us) had deserted to the French has been since return'd. Enclosing Indent for Stores, Quick Stock & Cash Account. The other dated the 26th. Ultimo acknowledging the Receit of

our Letter of the 11th. ℔ Hartop and acquainting Us that the money sent him by that Conveyance being reduced he requests a further Remittance of Ten thousand Pagodas (10,000) to enable him to send up Three hundred Bales (300) more in December which the Merchants promise That agreeable to our directions he will always reserve enough of Cash for three Months Expences. That he will give all the Assistance in his Power to any of the late Inhabitants of Calcutta who may come there. That the Presents made in April last were the Annual Presents which he will take care to explain more particularly in future. That Mr. Calland has executed his Covenants and names Charles Brell Esqr. of Portsmouth and any one he shall appoint for his Securitys. That his Bales were dispatched to Us the 18th. Enclosing the usual Papers with Copy of the Invoice of Stores sent the Gentlemen of Calcutta.

No. 142 @ No. 146 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka the first dated the 28th. Ultimo advising that he has Consigned Us by the Sloop George two hundred and Fifty Bales on the Companys Account, and that he has about Fifty Bales more which he purpose sending on the Fortune Snow enclosing Account of Quick Stock & Muster Roll, The other dated the 3d. Instant accompanying Invoice of Fifty Bales Consigned to Us by the Fortune Snow. From Bandarmalka. General Letter read from Bandarmalanka.

No. 143 and No. 145 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. &ct. Council at Fort St. David the first dated the 4th. Instant acquainting Us that they returned the Dragon Sloop to Us Yesterday. Enclosing their Accounts of Profit & Loss ending 30 April 1756 on which they desire our directions that they may close their Books Requesting a supply of Madeira Wine for the use of that Settlement by the first Conveyance. The other dated the 8 Instant accompanying their Monthly Accounts for August with their Committees Report on them. From Fort St. David.

No. 144 From Richard Bourchier Esqr. President & Governour &ct. Council at Bombay dated the 10th. September acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 20th. & 26th. June & 11th. August with the Europe, Bengal and Anjengo Packets and acquainting Us that they have receiv'd by the Orixa our Consignment of Woolen Goods which came from England by the Delawar. That they have agreeable to our request Debited this Presidency for the whole amount of Our Draft & their Remittances on Account the Foreign Silver We sent to Canton & shall advise the Gentlemen at Bengal of our Intentions to make them as large Remittances as We can enclosing an Account of Guns received by the Protector in the Year 1752. That they are glad to hear of the Arrival of three of the China Ships and have the pleasure to acquaint Us that the Portfield arrived there the 3d. the Clinton the 6 & the Royal Duke the 7th. September that they refresh'd at Madagascar and met there the Chesterfield & Walpole bound to this Coast the Denham for England and the Hector for their side which last ship met the Stretham to the Westward & the Duke of Dorset & Pelham to the Eastward of the Cape. That at the departure of the abovementioned ships from Europe no declaration of War was made by Us or the French but We continued taking their Ships but were threatened by them with an Invasion and that our Hon̄ble Masters have repeated their Orders for putting the Island in the best posture of Defence. From Bombay.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at Fort St. David that We have examined & Pass'd their Accounts Profit & Loss so that they may close their Books ending Ultimo April last agreeable thereto And that We have Order'd Fifteen Pipes Madeira Wine to be sent them by the first opportunity. Saint David to be wrote to.

Order'd that the Indent for Stores from Ingeram be complied with as far as possible. Ingeram Indent pass'd.

Letter from Francis Forde Esqr. Major and Paymaster to Colonel Adlercrons Regiment read, as entered hereafter requesting that a Chest of Treasure mark'd ‡ A No. 5 saved out of the Dodington and deposited in the Companys Treasury may be deliver'd to him, as he is advised that five Chests mark'd ‡ A No. 1 @ 5 were sent on that Ship for the Service of the said Regiment. Major Ford requests the delivery of a Chest of Treasure saved from the Dodington.

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Granted on his giving an Indemnity.

It appearing by the Dodingtons Manifest they were Consigned by that Ship as is alleged ORDER'D that the said Chest of Treasure be deliver'd to Major Ford on his Indemnifying the Company & their President & Council against any Claim that may be made on Account thereof for Sale or otherwise.

Surgeons of the Cumberland & Bridgwater. Bill for Medicines for Lascars passed.

A Bill from the Surgeon of the Cumberland for Medicines supplied thirty five (35) Lascars for One month at two Rupees each amounting to seventy Rupees. And another Bill from the Surgeon of the Bridgwater for Medicines supplied Twenty one Topasses twenty seven days at Two Rupees each ℔ month amounting to Thirty eight Rupees Seven Annaes, are now tender'd to the Board & Order'd to be paid.

A Deficiency of Militry. Stores ℔ the Men of War from St, David.

The Military Storekeeper represents to the Board a Deficiency in the Military Stores received by the Kings Ships from Fort St. David which being at first very considerable he imagined might have arose from a Mistake in the Invoice but upon applying to the Military Storekeeper at Fort St. David the Invoice was found to be right he then acquainted the several Commanders of the Ships that brought the Stores with the Deficiency who gave immediate Orders to examine very strictly if any were remaining on board in Consequence of which some were found but not the whole whereupon repeated Orders being given for a further search the Officers declared there were no more. As there were several Articles still wanting the Military Storekeeper acquaints the Board he used all probable means to find them and had the success to discover several Carcasses buried in the Sand upon the Beach for the ships Boats being employed to bring the Stores to the Surf they were there delivered to Mussoolahs from which for dispatch they were thrown promiscuously upon the Beach and continued there some days before any of the people belonging to the Storehouse had any notice of it and thereby many were entirely cover'd by the sand which induced him to search the Strand all before the Town but to little effect. There being yet a deficiency of Twenty three Royal Shells and Sixty Eight hand Grando Shells concerning which he desires the Boards directions ORDER'D that they be wrote off to Profit & Loss since the deficiency does not appear to have happen'd from any Neglect in the Storehouse Assistants but the Irregular manner of landing the Stores from the Men of War and there is no arriving at any certain knowledge whether the whole were delivered from the Ships or not and no possibility of making them answerable for the deficiency.

to be wrote off to Profit and Loss.

Indent for Stores for the Protector.

An Indent for Stores wanting for the Protector is now laid before the Board and ORDER'D to be complied with.

Export Ware Ho.Kr. wants Godown for Bales to be hired.

The Export Warehousekeeper reports that he has not room in the Godowns for all the Bales on hand and those lately arrived and expected from the Northern Settlements.

AGREED that other Godowns be hired sufficient for the purpose.

Mr. Simpson negligent of his Duty in the Secretary's Office.

The Secretary represents to the Board that Mr. Charles Simpson one of the Assistants in his Office continues to be refractory and Negligent of his Duty, seldom attending the Office but at such times as are most agreeable to himself and leaving the Business alloted him constantly in Arrear, he therefore Requests that the Board will be pleased to remove Mr. Simpson out of this Office and give him another Assistant in his room.

To attend the Board next Consultation.

ORDER'D that Mr. Simpson attend the Board at the next Consultation.

Commission to Colonel Clive.

The President acquaints the Board that the Secret Committee think it necessary & therefore desires that the Board will grant a Commission appointing Robert Clive Esqr. Commander in Chief of all the Troops sent and to be sent on the Expedition to Bengal and in case of his Death or Absence that Major James Killpatrick succeed him in the said Command. ORDER'D that a Commission be drawn out accordingly

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The President also reports from the Secret Committee that Four Lacks of Rupees will be necessary to be sent with the present Expedition to Bengal, and that Forty thousand Rupees and three thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas are now wanted for the Charges of the Troops. Report from the Secret Committee of money wanted for the Bengal Expedition.

AGREED that Four hundred thousand Arcot Rupees (400000) be Issued out of the Treasury to the Secret Committee on Account of the said Expedition AND Money Ordered to be Issued accordingly.

That Forty thousand (40,000) Arcot Rupees be Issued from the Treasury and three thousand two hundred and fifty (3250) Pagodas from the Cash Chest to Mr. John Walsh Paymaster to the Bengal Expedition for the Charges thereof.

ORDER'D that the Allowance for Admiral Watson's Table from the 1st. May to the 30th. Ultimo be paid amounting to seven hundred and sixty five (765) Pagodas. Admiral Watson's Table money to Ultimo Septr. to be paid.

AGREED that Eight thousand Rupees be sold Mr. Orme at the rate of Three hundred and sixty seven Rupees (367) for One hundred (100) Pagodas amounting to two thousand One hundred and seventy Nine Pagodas thirty fanams and four Cash (2179. 30. 4). 8000 Rupees sold Mr. Orme @ 367.

A Draft is now laid before the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for two hundred and forty eight Pagodas thirty three fanams and ten Cash (248. 33. 10) and Three hundred Arcot Rupees (A.Rs. 300) payable to John Palmer Account the Estate of Captain Thomas White Deceased ORDER'D that the said sums be paid out of the Treasury. Draft from the Accountant General.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month, as entered hereafter, Ballance then remaining compared with the Chest fourteen thousand seven hundred and one Pagodas twenty four fanams and fifty nine Cash (14701. 24. 59) which is carried forward. Cash Account for Septr. read.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Agent for his Majesty's Regiment under the Command of Colonel Adlercron having advised Me that he shipp'd and Consigned to Me on the Doddington 5 Chests of Silver marked I A. No. 1 @ 5 as appears also by the Company's Manifest by that Ship and understanding that a Chest of Silver mark'd I A. No. 5 was saved from the Wreck of the said Ship, and is at this Time deposited in your Treasury, I am to request you will please to give the necessary Orders for the delivery thereof to Me.

I am

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

FRANCIS FORD.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
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FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756.

The Honble United Companys Cash						Dr.	Per Contra						Cr.
1 To Ballance brought from last Months Account	5873	109805	58	8923	5	58	3 By Tonnapah Condapah & Ninapah, Advanced them on Account of Chints painting	6000	—	..	6000	—	—
2 To Oppajee Nayenar Renter of the Chingalaput Country received of him in part of 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July	10000	—	—	10000	—	—	4 By the Mayors Court advanced to defray the Charges of that Corporation ..	300	—	..	300	—	—
6 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury	20000	—	—	20000	—	—	7 By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ ..	3000	—	..	3000	—	—
8 To Pushponatha Nayenar Renter of the Covelong Country received of him in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July last when the Cowle expired	4000	—	—	4000	—	—	— By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	1000	—	..	1000	—	—
— To Rayall Pundat Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country Received of him in full for 6 months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July last when the Cowle expired	10000	—	—	10000	—	—	8 By Fort Marlbro' paid the following Certificates of the Deputy Governour & Council for money paid in there at $ 16·2 for 10 Pagodas as advised in General Letter 17th. July 1756 Vizt. ..						
Carried over	49873	109805	58	52923	5	58	Carried over	10300	—	—	10300	—	—

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1756.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.* DR.

Brought over	49873	109805	58	52923	5	58
8 To Numboor Vencata Soubiah Renter of the Poonamallee Country received of him in further part of 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 30th June last when the Cowle expired ..	7000	..		7000	—	—
21 To Pushponatha Nayenar the former Renter of the Seven Magans of the Tripossore Country Recd of him, being with 5000 Pagodas paid in the 15 September 1755 and 3500 Pagodas the 6 January 1756 in full for 6 Months Rent of that Farm due the 31st. July 1755 when that Cowle expired ..	1500	..		1500	—	—
— To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah and Permaul Kellava Chittee Beetle and Tobacco Farmers received of them in full for One Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. August last ..	200	16800	—	666	24	—
Carried over	58573	126605	58	62089	29	58

PER CONTRA—*cont.* CR.

Brought over	10300	—	—	10300	—	—

Date.	By whom pd. in.	To whom payable.	£	S.	C.	P.	F.	C.
12 July	John Pybus.	Edmund Maskelyne	288	—	—	174	19	50
Do.	Do.	Saml Stavely	740	—	—	448	17	36

	622	37	6	623	1	6
10 By Tellisinga Chittee & Condapah Chittee advanced them on Account of the Investment	15000	—	—	15000	—	—
15 By Fort St. David sent thither overland	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
17 By Fort St. David paid their Draft of the 9th Instant in favour of Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart value received of Alexander Wynch Esqr. as advised in their letter of the same date	3000	—	—	3000	—	—
21 By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced him for the Charges of that Empoly	3000		..	3000	—	—
Carried over	51922	37	6	51923	1	6

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THE HON^BLE UNITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*						D^R.
Brought over	58573	126605	58	62089	29	58
28 To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License received of them in full for One Months Rent of that Farm due the 1 August last ..	—	12000	—	333	12	—
— To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper received of him on his running Account	3000	25200	—	3700	—	—
— To Henry Powney Sea Customer received of him on his running Account	1000	..	—	1000	—	—
29 To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury	30000	..	—	30000	—	—
— To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd. of him on his running Account ..	3200	..	—	3200	—	—
— To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd. of him on his running Account ..	700	..	—	700	—	—
— To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him for the August Balance of that Account ..	164	2952	7	246	—	7
Carried over	96637	166757	65	101269	5	65

PER CONTRA—*cont.*						C^R.
Brought over	51922	37	6	51923	1	6
29 By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	6000	144000	—	10000	—	—
— By John Smith Military Paymaster ..	9000	..	—	9000	—	—
— By Linga Chittee & Servannah Chittee Advanced them on Account of the Investment ..	15000	..	—	15000	—	—
— By Account Current London paid Father Lavaur Superior of the French Jesuits in India living at Pondicherry one years Interest due the 31st. March last to the Jesuits Missionaries in China on a Bond dated the 1st. October 1726 for 20000 Pagodas at 6 ₩ C^t ₩ Annum	1200	..		1200	—	—
— By Batta Issued in the Course of the Month to Purchase fanams	5000	..		5000	—	—
	88122	144037	6 —	92123	1	6

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The Honble United Company's Cash—*cont.* Dʳ.

Brought over ..	96637	166757	65	101269	5	65
29 To Batta for the produce of 5000 Pagodas Issued as ₱ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at the rate of 40 fanams ₱ Pagoda & brought to Account here at the rate of 36 fanams ₱ Pagoda	..	200000	—	5555	20	—
Star or Currᵗ. Pagodas	96637	366757	65	106824	25	65

Per Contra—*cont.* Cʳ.

Brought over	88122	144037	6		92123	1	6
30 By Ballance carried to next Months Account	8515	222720	56	—	14701	24	59
Star or Currᵗ. Pagodas ..	96637	366757	65	—	106824	25	65

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
₱ GEORGE PIGOT.

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12 Arrived Snow Hartop, Thomas Savage from Vizagapatam with General Letter dated 4th. Instant.

— Received by Pattamars General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 2d. August.

— Do. Do. Do. from Tellicherry dated 26th. Septr.

14 Arrived Sloop Neptune Cousins from Vizagapatam with General Letter dated the 8th. Instant.

15 Received by Tappies General Letter from DeveCotah dated 11th. Inst.

— Sent by Tappies General Letters to Fort St. David & DeveCotah both dated this day.

16 Sailed His Majesty's Ships Kent Admiral Watson Capt. Henr. Speke.

	Cumberland Ad Pocock.	J. Harrison ..	on an Expedition to Bengal.
	Tyger	Th. Latham ..	
	Salisbury	Will. Martin ..	
	Bridgwater	Heny. Smith ..	
Ketch ..	Blaze	Richd. King ..	
The Honble Compys. Ships.	Walpole	Fras. Fowler ..	
	Marlbro'	Alexr. Mcleod ..	

— Sent by the Companys Ships Walpole & Marlbro' General Letter to the President & Council at Bengal dated yesterday.

— Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 19th. September.

— Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letters from Bandarmalanka dated 2d. Instt.

Do. do. do. Ingeram.

AT A CONSULTATION.

Present

MONDAY THE 18TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated 11th. Instant read & Signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Vizagapatam.

No. 147 & No. 150 From Mr. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &ct. Council of Vizagapatam. The first dated the 4th. Instant Acknowledging the Receit of our Letters of the 11th. & 22d. Ultimo by the Hartop Snow & His Majesty's Sloop Kingsfisher & acquainting Us that the latter of these arrived there the 26th. Ultimo and Sailed next Morning with the Cordage &ct. intended for the Service of Bengal That the Treasure Wares & Stores ℔ Hartop proved agreeable to Invoice. That the supply of Cash We sent them was very seasonable but from the Quantity of Cloth already provided & the Promises of their Merchants they think they could employ a much more considerable Sum by January & are therefore induced to request a further Supply both of Rupees

& Pagodas as the most certain Means of encreasing the Investment. That the Money intended for Ingeram & Maddapollam is in part already forwarded to them. That 'tis with Concern they acquaint Us that the Arcot Snow is still there having struck on the Bar as she was attempting to get out, tho' without receiving much Damage that however they have hopes the Water will deepen upon the Northerly Wind setting in stronger when She may proceed on her Voyage That they have contracted for building the three Long Boats. We have indented for for Eight hundred Arcot Rupees each to be finished by January but without Masts none being procurable there. That they shall make the Deductions from Captain Smith's Bill as We direct. That they observe the Report of the Committee of Accounts & shall in future strictly conform to their Regulations. That the Sea Customer's Ballance was not omitted in the Cash Account for April but being entered under the head of Vizagapatam Town Kistees as it has been customary it has escaped the Committees Observation that however it is now carried in the General Books under its proper head. That the Omission of Five thousand (5000) Pagodas in May Cash Account was a mistake in the Copying That their Garrison has of late suffered greatly by Desertion & as they have retaken two of the Military they send them to Us on the Hartop in order that they may meet with condign Punishment. That by Desertion Sickness & the Discharge of several of the Train who have served their Contracted time There are scarcely able men Enough to do the Duty of the Garrison. They therefore recommend a Reinforcement of Military as well as Train as absolutely necessary. That they consign Us by the Hartop Six hundred and eleven Bales (611) & in two or three days they will send the Remainder of their Bales by the Neptune Sloop. That the Cloth is invoiced at different prices, Part of it being provided before they received our Orders relating to the Batta on Madras Pagodas. That their General Books & usual Papers wait on Us with Mr. Bests fresh Covenants Cloth on hand Long Cloth Ordinary Cor 435
Ps. Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps.
16 L.C.F. 58. 14 S.O. 13. 1 S.F. 9. 1 L.C.M. 4. 11. The other is dated the 8th. October serving to enclose Invoice & Bills of Lading for Eighty Bales consigned Us on the Neptune Sloop, as also some Packets received there by the Seahorse Sloop which arrived the day proceeding from Bengal with Lieutenant Flaction from Fulta & Mr. Anderson late Surgeon at the Negrais Passengers having both obtained Leave to come to the Coast for Recovery of their Healths.

No. 148 No. 152 & No. 153 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka. The first dated the 2d. August serving only to enclose the Monthly Accounts for July & a List of Cloth on hand Viz. Embaled L.C.O. 117 (Bales) L.C.M. 40 (Bas.) L.C.F. 24 (Bas.). At the Wash L.C.O. 37 L.C.M. 38 L.C.F. 18 In all 274 Bales. The Second is dated 19th. September Acquainting Us that he has given a Discharge to one of the Military who is entirely unfit for Service. The third dated the 2d. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 11th. Ultimo enclosing the Invoice of Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas part of which he has received & Assuring Us he will assist all in his Power such of the late Inhabitants of Calcutta as shall come to that Settlement. **From Bandarmalanka.**

No. 149 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. Chief &t. Factors at Tellicherry dated the 26th. Ultimo acquainting Us that they have apprehended one Behum Cawn a Subadar of Seapoys sent from thence to Fort St. David in the year 1747 who had been guilty of a treacherous Correspondence with the French & as they hear was therefore condemned to perpetual Banishment to St. Helena. That they shall keep him in Custody till they hear from Us, Or from their Superiors at Bombay whom they have wrote to about him as well as to the French at Mahie. **From Tellicherry**

No. 151 From Mr. James Bourchier Chief at DeveCotah dated the 11th. Instant serving only to enclose the Monthly Accounts of that Settlement for April May June & July. **From Deve Cotah**

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From Ingeram.

N°. 154 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated 2^d^. Instant enclosing his Monthly Papers for Septem^r^.

Northern Bales to be resorted.

Order'd that all the Northern Bales be resorted and repacked.

Report Survey of the Chesterfield.

Captains Thomas Savage, Thomas Powney and Francis Taylor having been desired to Survey the Chesterfield now deliver in their Report with their Opinion that the Ship is in a proper Condition to receive on Board her Cargo and proceed to Europe.

80 Tons of old Guns to be sent on board for Kintlage.

The Board being of Opinion that the Salt Petre intended for Europe by the Delawar but relanded here should be kept as a provision for making of Gun powder lest any further supplys from Bengal should fail. It is therefore Order'd that eighty Tons of old useless Iron Guns be sent on board the Chesterfield being the Tonnage reserved in Charter party for Kintlage Goods and the Export Warehouse keeper is directed to send Bales on Board as soon as the Kintlage is taken in.

Lieut. Monchanin desires Passage to Europe ℘ Chesterfield granted.

Letter from Lieutenant Stephen Augustus De Monchanin read as enter'd hereafter requesting permission to Return to Europe on the Chesterfield which is Granted.

A Committee of Investmt. appointed to report.

The 15th. & 16th. Paragraphs of the Honble Companys Commands dated 11th. February 1756 being Considered wherein amongst other things it is directed that a Committee be appointed to consider of ways and means for improving the Investment. Agreed that the President M^r^. Powney and M^r^. Orme be the Members of the said Committee who are desired to Consider and Report accordingly.

Treasure from Europe ℘ reported right.

The Committee of Treasury Report that all the Treasure receiv'd this Year from Europe having been weighed turns out agreeable to Invoice.

Account Deficiencies &ct. ℘ Walpole and Marlbro'. & Account Gauge of Madeira Wine Pipes.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board (as enter'd hereafter) an Account of Deficient and damaged Goods by the ships Marlbro' & Walpole the amount whereof has been made good by the respective Commanders. He also lays before the Board as entered hereafter a Report of the Gauge of Two hundred and forty eight (248) Madeira Wine Pipes whereby it appears that those Casks are incapable of holding the Quantity at which they are Invoiced by One hundred and forty two and a half Gallons (142½) which deficiency is considerably less than it has been for some Years past.

Report touching the Trustees & Estate of Cuddam Narrain.

The Secretary reports that pursuant to an Order of Consultation the 5th. July last having made the enquiry thereby directed touching the Trustees and Estate of Cuddam Narrain he is informed that Bucunjee Cashedoss, Rawoor Veraugo Chitty, Nauleun Juggo Chitty and Trivitee Sasachilum are the Trustees to the said Estate, and that Timothy Tullie Esqr. Richard Starke Esqr. and M^r^. Francis Carvalho were appointed by the Creditors to Superintend and enquire into the Management of the said Trustees, That in August

1755 The Sum of Pagodas	7136	11	38
And in March 1756 The Sum of	713	23	3
making together the Sum of Pagodas ...	7849	34	41

was divided amongst the Creditors of the said Cuddam Narrain and that M^r^. Tullie as one of those Creditors has had his due proportion. That there still

remains in the said Trustees hands the Sum of Pagodas Thirty five, twenty nine fanams and fifty nine Cash (35–29–59) of which some Charges remain to be paid.

The President acquaints the Board that Colonel Adlercron desires that a Captain two Lieutenants and an Ensign of his Regiment may be permitted to take their Passage for England on the Chesterfield being ordered home to Recruit for the Regiment which is granted and it is Agreed that it be referr'd to the Court of Directors to settle the Passage money as they may think proper.

Passage Granted on the Chesterfield to several Officers of the Regiment.

The President acquaints the Board that the Hon͠ble Companys Commands in the 71 Paragraph of their General Letter dated the 19 December 1755 having been signified to the Reverend Mr. Robert Palk he has declared his Intention of returning to Europe with the Majestys Squadron and as the time he has to stay in India is but short he requests to be indulged with leave to remain at the Presidency to settle his Affairs with which the Board Comply.

Mr. Palk desires to stay at the Presidency intending shortly to return to Europe. Granted.

Mr. Charles Simpson, upon a Complaint against him at the last Consultation for neglect of Duty having been order'd to attend the Board at their present meeting the Secretary is ordered to acquaint him that the Board being extreamly dissatisfied at his Behaviour have appointed him to be one of the Assistants at Fort St. David and to proceed thither by the first opportunity, where if his behaviour should not be better than it has been here they shall be under the Necessity of suspending him from the Hon͠ble Companys Service.

Mr. Chas. Simpson Order'd to St. David.

Three Chests of Coral Consign'd to Messrs. Manningham and Franckland at Bengal by the Delawar having been landed here and Mr. Manningham desiring that the same may be deliver'd to him Order'd that they be delivered accordingly.

3 Chests Coral ₽ Delawar to be delivered Mr. Manningham.

An Order of the Mayors Court being signified by the Accountant General for the delivery of three Chests of Coral Beads mark'd PH No. 1. 2. & 3 to George Pigot Esqr. having been deposited Account the Estate of Solomon Salomons.

3 Chests Coral to be delivered to the Govr. ₽ order of the Mayrs. Court.

Order'd that the said three Chests be deliver'd Accordingly.

Another Order of the Mayors Court being signified by the Accountant General that the Register of the said Court is to pay in One hundred and Fifty (150) Pagodas Account the Cause Huber Versus Schaub.

Money paid in from the Mayors Court.

Order'd that the said Sum be receiv'd accordingly and placed to the Credit of the Accountant General Account the said Cause & a receit is now signed for the same.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Two thousand (2000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Money paid in by the Import Warehousekeeper & Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One Thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee pay in the following Rents Viz.

Rents paid in of Beetle & Tobacco.

Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (666. 24) in full for One months Rent of the Beetle and Tobacco Farm due the 1st. September last.

Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas twelve fanams (333. 12) in full for One Months Rent of the Arrack & Wine License due the 1st. September last.

Arrack & Wine & Measuring duty.

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One hundred and Sixty six Pagodas twenty four fanams (166. 24) in full for two Months Rent of the Measuring Duty due the 1st. Septr. last.

George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to your request of the 16th. Instant We this morning went on board the Chesterfield Captain Carter and on surveying her find her in good State and proper Condition to receive Goods on board & proceed on her Voyage to Europe.

We are with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient & most humble Servants

Thomas Savage.
Thos. Powney.
Frans. Taylor.

Fort St. George,
October 18, 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council.
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being desirous of returning to Europe I humbly request your Honour &ct. permission to take my Passage on the Chesterfield & that the Commander may be permitted to receive me & my necessarys on board.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant.

Ea De Monchanin.

Fort St. George,
the 18th. Octr. 1756.

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TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Madeira Wine Imported the Marlbrough has been Surveyed and by Gauging the Pipes find no more leakage than what is usual excepting in one Pipe which wanted 101 Gallons for which the Captain has paid.

Upon Gauging 248 Pipes landed here there appears only 142½ Gallons short of the Quantity they should contain. I must therefore remark that they turn out much better than those imported last Year.

I am with due Respect
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servant

HENRY POWNEY,
Import Ware Ho.Kr.

ACCOUNT OF GOODS DEFICIENT AND DAMAGED ℔ SHIPS MARLBROUGH & WALPOLE.

℔ SHIP MARLBROUGH.

	Galls.							
Madeira Wine Deficient by leakage	101	£ 14	8	6				
Advance 30 ℔ Cent ..		4	6	7				
		18	15	1	@ 8s P	46	31	70

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* ℔ SHIP WALPOLE.

AURORA DAMAGED by the Leakage of the Ship 8 Ps. ..	£ 48	2	—
ORDINARY BLUE by holes being rubd in 2 Ps. against the side of the ship	9	7	—
LONG ELLS broad Red Do. by the Leakage of the ship 12 Ps.	30	—	—
COPPER wanting Coarse 17 Pz (Plates) 1 (ɸ) 3 (qr.) 3 (lb.) @ £ 118—16 ℔ Ton	10	8	2
DITTO Do. fine 2 Do. 1—17 @ 121 ℔ Do. ..	7	11	2
Do. Pans 1 Do. 3—6 @ 14-3/8 d ℔ lb. ..	5	7	10
	110	16	2
Europe Charges ½ ℔ Cent ..	—	11	1
	111	7	3
Advance 30 ℔ Cent ..	33	8	2
	£ 144	15	5

@ 8 Sh ℔ Pag. 361 33 30

HENRY POWNEY,
Impt. Ware Ho.Kr.

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* A woollen fabric—Love's Vestiges—Index Volume.

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19 Sail'd Sloop Catharina Elizabeth, Thomas Forbes for Sadras.

20 Sail'd Ketch Jenny to Enore.

— Do. Sloop Musketoe, Paupia for Fort St. David.

21 Do. Honble Companys Sloop Dragon, Assim Condou for Fort St. David with General Letter of this date.

— Do. Sloop George Owen Williams for Bandermalanka.

— Received by Pattamars two General Letters from Anjengo dated 28th. August and 27th. September.

22 Sail'd Snow Don Carlos. Ballea for Ingeram with General Letter dated yesterday.

23 Sail'd Snow Mary Laurence de Silva for Ingeram.

24 Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 22d. Instant.

26 Sail'd Snow Fortune. Ballea for Vizagapatam.

— Do. Sloop Neptune John Cozens for Negrais.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 28TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE.	HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME,	WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.	CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 18th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read.

General Letters read Vizt.

From Anjengo.

No. 155 & No. 156 From George Scott Esqr. Chief &ct. Factors at Anjengo. The first dated the 28 August (being a Duplicate the Original of which is not received) Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 11th. July & acquainting Us that in consequence of the King of Travencores Application they are induced to request We will assist a Servant of his whom he has sent to Madras to get a Bulse of Diamonds cutt & advance him upon his receit whatever Charges he may incurr, The King having promised to be answerable for the same to the Honble Company. The other dated the 27th. September serving only to enclose Copy of a * Letter from the English Consul at Cairo which they had receiv'd from the Gentlemen at Tellicherry.

* *N.B.*—Copy of this Letter has been recd from the Gentn. at Tellicherry in Letter No. 139 & Enter'd thereafter

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From Fort St. David.

No. 157 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. & the rest of the Gentlemen in Council at Fort St. David dated 22d. Instant acquainting Us that they had receiv'd our Letter of the 15th. & that they now return us Mr. Dawson's Covenants executed, who has nominated Messrs. John Thornton & Kingsford Vinner his Securities but that Mr. Carey being ill he has not been able to execute his. That their Ballance of Cash being low, they are under a Necessity of requesting a speedy supply.

Our Packet for Engld via Tranquebar recd there.

The President acquaints the Board that he has received a Letter from the Governour of Tranquebar acknowledging the Receit of the Packet for the Honble Court of Directors of the 13th. Instant which he promises to forward.

20000 Pags. to be sent to St. David.

Agreed that Twenty thousand Pagodas be sent by Peons to Fort St. David.

Capt. Carter request for Redwood at ½ Freight Granted.

Letter from Captain Edwin Carter of the Chesterfield read, as enter'd hereafter, requesting Twenty Tons of Redwood at half Freight to Stiffen his Ship. Granted.

Do. requests to shoot Turmerick loose Granted.

Another Letter from Captain Edwin Carter read, as enter'd hereafter acquainting the Board that he has invested part of his Privelege in Turmerick and requesting leave to shoot it loose in the Hold. Granted.

Mayors Court advise of a Vacancy.

Letter from the Mayors Court read as enter'd hereafter signifying that the Seat of one of the Aldermen and Judges of that Court is become vacant by the Death of Mr. John Browning.

lie on the Table.

Order'd that the said Letter do lye on the Table to be consider'd after the dispatch of the Chesterfield.

Col. Bagshaw Mrs. Guy Miss Throughton request Passage ⅌ Chesterfield Granted.

The President acquaints the Board that Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Bagshaw of Colonel Adlercrons Regiment desires leave to proceed to Europe on the Chesterfield. Granted.

Letter from Mrs. Jane Guy and a Letter from Miss Ann Helena Troughton both requesting leave to proceed to Europe on the Chesterfield. Granted.

Account Sale of Copper & Lead.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board as entered hereafter an Account Sale of Four hundred Candys of fine three hundred Candys of coarse Copper and three hundred Candys of Lead of this Years Importation, which have produced on an Average Viz. The fine Copper at Pagodas Ninety seven fanams and seventy nine Cash (90–7–79) ⅌ Candy. The Coarse Copper at Pagodas Ninety, thirty two fanams and fifty six Cash (90–32–56) ⅌ Candy and the Lead at Pagodas Thirteen and one quarter Pagodas (13¼) ⅌ Candy.

Ballance of an Account with Jaffier Ally Cawn to be paid him.

Jaffier Ally Cawn late Nabob of Rajahmundrum having sent up two parcells of Paddy in the Year 1754 which he desired the late President Mr. Saunders to dispose of for him they were accordingly sold and the Produce being Pagodas One thousand three hundred and forty two, twenty two fanams and twenty seven Cash (1342–22–27) receiv'd and brought to Account in the Export Warehouse Books, on Account whereof the Sum of Pagodas Four hundred and one twenty seven fanams and seventy two Cash (401–27–72) has been already paid him at Vizagapatam, and application being now made for the remainder. Order'd that after deducting the Sum of Pagodas Three hundred and six, twenty seven fanams and twenty Cash (306–27–20) the amount of Charges the Ballance of the Account being Pagodas Six hundred and thirty four, three fanams and fifteen Cash (634–3–15) be paid to his Representative.

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Security offer'd for the Farms of Trivitore Egmore & Perembore and Accepted.

The President acquaints the Board that Vencata Ramah the highest bidder at the Sea Gate for the Farms of Trivitore, Egmore & Perembore &ca. Villages proposes the following Persons to be his Securitys Viz.

For the Farm of Trivitore & Villages Rausum Vencatachilum Paupa Braminy.

Do. Perembore } Shambudoss.
Do. Egmore }

which the Board approve and Order the Cowles to be drawn out.

Report of Sundry Bills Account the Nabob.

The President reports from the Select Committee that the Nabob's Vackeel has deliver'd in Bills for four Lacks of Rupees on Account of the Nabobs Assignment of eight Lacks of Rupees to the Company out of the Arcot Country, the first half whereof became due in May last and has been paid and the Second half became due the 12th. September which these are to discharge, and they are accordingly now laid before the Board Viz.

On Porshutum Doss's Ducan or House.

1 Bill Payable 22d. October for	A Rs. 16,000	—	—			
1 Do. payable 11th. November	51,603	15	—			
				67,603	15	—

On Buckanjee Cashedoss's Ducan or House.

1 Bill payable 11th. November	120,807	1	6			
1 Do. Do.	500	—	—			
1 Do. Do.	7,763	15	6			
1 Do. Do.	28,575	—	—			
				157,646	1	—
And the President further Reports that Linga Chitty is ready to pay in the following Sums on Account of Sundry Renters for whom he is Security on Account of the said Assignment Vizt.						
On Account of Royal Punt, Renter of Terpossore Pagodas 25,000 Valued at 375 Rs. ₰ % A Rs. ..	93,750	—	—			
On Account of Opazey Nynar, Renter of the two Conjeevarams & Matchery	57,000	—	—			
On Account of Pushpunada Nynar Renter of Tervatore	24,000	—	—			
				174,750	—	—
				A Rs. 400,000	—	—

Bills from the Renters of Terpetty.

And the President further reports that he has receiv'd Bills from the Renters & Tasealdar of Terpetty in part payment of the September or first Kist of the present Year of Phaseley 1166 Vizt.

1 Bill on Gocull Terwaudy payable 10th. November. for Pagodas		5,000	—	—			
1 Do.	Do. ..	5,250	—	—			
1 Do. on Buckanjee Cashedoss	Do. ..	1,750	—	—	Pagodas. 12,000	—	—
1 Do. on Do.	Do. ..	ARs. 15,000	—	—			
1 Do. on Govendoss	7 Nov. ..	2,000	—	—			
					ARs 17,000	—	—

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ORDER'D that the foregoing Sums be received into the Treasury.

The President acquaints the Board from the Select Committee that the Protector is ready to Sail for Bengal.

AGREED that Eighty eight thousand Madras Rupees (M.Rs. 88000) now ready in the Treasury be sent on that Ship & Consign'd to the President & Council.

Money ꝑ Protector for Bengal.

And the Hartop Snow being to Sail tomorrow for Vizagapatam,

AGREED that Thirty thousand (30000) Arcot Rupees and Thirty thousand (30000) Madras Pagodas be sent by that Conveyance and Consign'd to the Provisional Chief & Council with directions to forward ten thousand Pagodas to Ingeram and Ten thousand to Maddapollam.

Money ꝑ Hartop to the Northern Settlements.

The President acquaints the Board that the Select Committee have freighted the Snow Lapwing on Account of the Expedition to Bengal and have Agreed to pay the Commander half the Freight here being Two thousand Eight hundred (2800) Rupees.

Lapwing Freighted for Bengal & part Freight paid here.

ORDER'D that the said sum be paid out of the Treasury accordingly.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Sixteen thousand (16000) Fanams making at 36 ꝑ Pagoda Pagodas Four hundred forty four and sixteen fanams (444–16–) being the difference on the Exchange of four thousand (4000) Pagodas this Month at 40 fanams ꝑ Pagoda and brought to Account at 36 ꝑ Pagoda.

Cashkeeper pays in Fanams.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Fifteen thousand five hundred (15500) Pagodas on his running Account.

Money paid in by the Import Ware Ho.Keeper.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

Sea Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in Three hundred and twenty two Pagodas eleven fanams and seventy seven Cash (322–11–77) for the September Ballance of that Account.

Land Customer.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Town Brokerage pay in Three hundred and fifty Pagodas (350) in full for six Months Rent due the 1st. September last.

& for Rent of Town Brokerage.

AGREED that the following Advances be made.

Advances to

To the Commissary Twenty thousand (20000) Rupees and Eight thousand (8000) Pagodas to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

The Commissary.

To the Paymaster Fourteen thousand (14000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

To the Military Paymaster Six thousand (6000) Pagodas to pay the Military &ct. next Month.

Advance to the Military Paymr.

GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Governour President &ct. Council of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having Invested part of my Privilege in Turmerick & being an Advantage to the Ship in her Stowage, I take the Liberty to beg leave I may shoot it loose in the Hold. And am with the greatest Respect

Fort St. George, Octr. 28, 1756.

Hond. Sirs
Your most Obed. Hum. Servt.

Ed: Carter.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Goverr. &ct. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having Occasion for about Twenty Tons of Redwood to stiffen my Ship in order to make her carry Sail, I must request Your Honour &ct. will be pleas'd to order that Quantity to be sent on board at half Freight.

I am

Fort St. George, 28 Octr. 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Ed: Carter.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Seat of One of the Adlermen & Judges of the Honble the Mayors Court being become Vacant by the Death of Mr. John Browning I am directed by the said Court to acquaint your Honour &ct. therewith, that the Vacancy may be filled up as soon as possible.

I am with Respect

Fort St. George, 26 October 1756.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant

Danl. Morse
Regr.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Governour President &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I beg your Permission in returning on the Ship Chesterfield for England.

Fort St. George, Octr. 27, 1756.

I am
Hond. Sirs
Your most Obedient humble Servant

Jeane Guy.

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANYS COPPER & LEAD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZ[T].

The time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice price.	Price put up at	Price sold at.	Amount of each lot.	To whom sold.
22 October 1756	Copper fine	5 Candy.	Pag[s]. 68 12	50 ℔ Ca. Pag[s]. 79 ℔ Can.	Pag[s]. 90½ ℔ Ca.	Pag[s]. 452 18	Mangapuddy Chittee.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Mutah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Vellapah.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	D°.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Vera Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Mutah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Callavah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Vedego Vengoo Chitty.
		5 d°.			90½ d°.	452 18	Vera Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Aulapaucum Venca Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Vedogee Vencoo Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Chevee Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Mutah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Tagapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Mutah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Chevee Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Vedogoo Vencoo Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Vellapah.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Mootapollah.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	D°.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Tondavah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Arnagady Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	D°.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Cautoo Permall Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Mutah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90 d°.	450 —	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Ayetomby Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Bussovapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	D°.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	D°.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Chellimbrum Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Palliapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			90¼ d°.	451 9	Vera Chitty.
	Carried over	170			Carried over	15331 9	

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANYS COPPER & LEAD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY OR THE USUAL TERMS VIZT.—*cont.*

The time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.		Invoice Price.	Price put up at	Price sold at		Amount of each Lot.		To whom sold.
	Brought over ..	170				Brought over ..		15331	9	
		5	d°.			90	d°.	450	—	Nagooty Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cautoo Permaul Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cauroomba Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Maury Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Tatah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90	d°.	450	—	Vellapah.
		5	d°.			90	d°.	450	—	Cullavah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90	d°.	450	—	Mutah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90	d°.	450	—	Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Tagapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Paupah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Ayetomby Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Bussovapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cooromba Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Paupah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Bussovapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Ayetomby Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	D°.
		5	d°.			90	d°.	450	—	Sheally Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cullavah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Sheally Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Paupiah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Chingarah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cullavah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	D°.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Tatah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Arnagady Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cullavah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Velidem Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Chungarah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Bussovapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Coopah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Chellumbrum Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Palliapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Tagapah Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Nellavendy Chitty.
		5	d°.			90¼	d°.	451	9	Cullavah Chitty.
	Carried over ..	360				Carried over ..		30471	9	

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONOURABLE COMPANYS COPPER & LEAD AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS VIZT.—*cont.*

THE TIME OF SALE.	QUALITY OF THE GOODS.	LOT OR QUANTITY.	INVOICE PRICE.	PRICE PUT UP AT	PRICE SOLD AT	AMOUNT OF EACH LOT.	TO WHOM SOLD.
	Brought over ..	360			Brought over ..	30471 9	
22d. October 1756.	Copper fine.	5 Candy	Pags. 68 22 50 ₩ Ca.	Pags. 79 ₩ Ca	Pags. 90¼ ₩ Candy	Pags. 451 9	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¼ do.	451 9	Vellapah.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Do.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Do.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Do.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Do.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Arnagady Chitty.
		400 Candy amounting to				Pags. 36088 27	
	Copper Coarse.	5 Candy	Pags. 66 22 51 ₩ Ca	Pags. 77 ₩ Ca.	Pags. 90½ ₩ Candy	Pags. 452 18	Mutah Chitty.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Cautoo Permaul Chitty.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Arnagady Chitty.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Do.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Mutah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Ayetomby Chitty.
		5 do.			90½ do.	452 18	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Bussovapah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Paupah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Arnagady Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Cullavah Chitty.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
		5 do.			90¾ do.	453 27	Do.
	Carried over ..	120			Carried over ..	10881 9	

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The time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at	Price sold at	Amount of each Lot.				To whom sold.
	Brought over ..	120			Brught over ..	10881	9			
		5 Candy.			91 ℔ Candy. Pags.	455	—	36088	27	Tagapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Mauny Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Chellumbrum Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Bussovapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			Cautoo Permall Chitty.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			Arnagady Chitty.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			D°.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			D°.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			Bussovapah Chitty.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			D°.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			D°.
		5 d°.			91¼ d°.	456	9			Arnachilum.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Cullavah Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Cautoo Permall Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Mootoopollah.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			Cullavah Chitty.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		5 d°.			91 d°.	455	—			D°.
		300 Candys amounting to						27272	18	
					Carried over .. Pagodas ..			63361	9	

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The time of sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at	Price sold at		Amount of each Lot.			To whom sold.
						Brought over ..			63361 9	
22d. October 1756.	Lead ..	20 Candy	Pags. 10 25 64 ℔ Ca.	Pags. 13 ℔ Candy	Pags. 13¼	℔ Candy	P.	265 —		Bussovapah Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Do.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Sersachilum.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Ramalinga Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Chellumbrum Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Sersachilum.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Nellapah.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Tagapah Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Ayetomby Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Cullavah Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Do.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Arnagady Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Autopawcum Vencataisha.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Cautoo permall Chitty.
		20 do.			13¼	do.		265 —		Tagapah Chitty.
									3975 —	
		300	Candy amounting to			Pagodas ..			67336 9	

FORT ST. GEORGE 22D. OCTOBER 1756.
ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ HENRY POWNEY.
Import Warzhousekeeper.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1756* ——

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

As it is my intention to return to England on the Chesterfield, I shall Esteem it a favour in your Honour &ct. to allow me the liberty of doing so, and to give a permit to Captn. Carter to receive me on board with my Necessarys.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. hble Servt.
A. H. Troughton.

Fort St. George,
28 Octr. 1756.

29 Sail'd the Honble Companys Ship Protector George England Commr. for Bengal with General Letter for the President and Council there dated this day.

— Sail'd Snow Lapwing William Powney for Bengal.

— Sail'd Snow Hartop, Thomas Savage for Vizagapatam with Treasure & the following General Letters for the Northern Settlements.

To Vizagapatam	dated this day.
To Ingeram	do.
To Bandarmalanka	do.

NOVEMBER 1756.

2 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 31st. Ultimo.

3 Receiv'd by do. General Letter from do. dated 1st. Instant.

4 Sent by Peons Twenty thousand Pagodas to Fort St. David with a General Letter from the Secretary dated this day.

— Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

— Sign'd General Letter to the President & Council of Bombay dated this day to be sent to Tellicherry & forwarded from thence.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governor Presidt.

Saturday the 6 Novr.

Stringr. Lawrence.	Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.	William Perceval.
John Smith.	Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 28th. Ultimo read and sign'd.

Hospital reported.

Mr Henry Powney reports that he had visited the Hospital & found no Cause of Complaint tho there were about 70 Sick.

General Letters.

General Letters read Vizt.

—— FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756 ——

N°. 158 & N°. 159 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. & the Rest of the Council at Fort S^t. David. The first dated the 31st. Ultimo acquainting Us that the Madeira Wine ℘ Country Boat & Stores ℘ Dragon Sloop turn'd out agreeable to Invoice. That Messrs. Stevenson & Fitzpatrick are arriv'd the former of whom they have Station'd under the Accomptant & the other under the Secretary. That they enclose their Account Quick Stock to the 30th. September and M^r. John Carey's Covenants duely executed who has nominated as his Security M^r. Robert Lenox & whomsoever that Gentleman may please to appoint AND that the Cowle for the Beetle and Tobacco Farm expiring the 30th. November OS they desire our directions concerning it. The other dated the 1st. Instant acquainting Us that they had omitted in their yesterdays Letter to desire our directions concerning the Cowle for the weighing & Measuring Duty also which expires the 11th. Instant. From Fort St. David.

The President acquaints the Board that in a private Letter he has received from M^r. Wynch he is inform'd that there is great reason to believe that were the Farms to be put up to sale of Fort S^t. David they would let considerably higher than if they were to be put up at the Presidency. He therefore desires the Boards opinion whether they should in future be put up at S^t. David or that the former Custom of telling them at the Presidency should be continued. Consideration whether putting up the St. David Cowles there or at the Presidency would be most advantageous.

The Board thereupon taking it into Consideration Do not see any reason why they should discontinue the former Practice, but on the contrary think it highly proper. It is therefore ORDER'D that the Fort S^t. David Cowles for the Beetle and Tabacco Farm & the Weighing and Measuring Duty, be put up to Sale here on Wednesday the 1st. of December next & that Notice be given here & at S^t. David accordingly. Ought still to be put up at the Presidency.

Report from the Committee of Accounts in regard to M^r. Eyres Accounts dated the 6th. November read as enter'd hereafter containing their Remarks on some Papers & Accounts of that Gentlemen M^r. Perceval laid before them since their last Report by which the true Ballance due by the Company appears to them to be Pagodas Three thousand five hundred and fifty one twelve fanams and five Cash (3551–12–5). Report from the Committee of Accts. relating to Mr. Eyres Accounts.

As there seems to be as little Room to doubt the Justness as the Authenticity of the Accounts produced with the above Report. RESOLV'D that it be Recommended home in the General Letter as our Opinion that the Ballance Reported by the Committee is the real Ballance due from the Company to M^r. Eyres Estate. And that a Copy of the Paymaster's Accounts referr'd to in the Report be sent home in the Packet. The Company to be wrote to that the true Ballance due to M^r. Eyres Estate is now ascertain'd.

Another report from the Committee of Accounts dated 6th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter, containing some further Remarks relating to the Payment of Captain Schaubs Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry with a Particular Account drawn out of the Overcharges & Undercharges by which it appears that that Gentlemen has overcharged One hundred and seven Pounds sterling four shillings and eight pence (£107. 4. 8). Report from the Committee of Accounts relating to Capt. Schaub.

AGREED it be referr'd home to the Company M^r. Saunders having taken with him the most material Papers without which it is impracticable to get any certain Light into the Affair. Referr'd to the Company.

Letter from M^r. George Stratton acting Executor to the Estate of the deceas'd John Stratton read. Esclosing an open Account he has drawn out from his deceased Fathers Books & Papers which he lately receiv'd from England by which he makes a Ballance due to the Estate from the Company Letter from the late Mr. Stratton's Exorse.

of Pagodas Three thousand four hundred and three nineteen fanams and twenty Cash (3403–19–20) including the sum of Two thousand five hundred and ninety-two Pagodas and seventy eight Cash (2592 – 78) which he paid the 23d. October 1755 as due from his Father.

Referr'd home.

ORDER'D that the Letter & Account be enter'd hereafter for the Company's Inspection & that Mr. Stratton deliver in Vouchers of the several Articles he has charged the Company with, to be sent home by the next Ship.

Captn Spears requests to proceed to Europe on the Chesterfield granted.

Letter from Captain James Spear read as enter'd hereafter Requesting leave to proceed to Europe on the Chesterfield.

GRANTED.

New Covenants of several Gentlemen produced and Order'd to be sent in the Packet.

The Secretary lays before the Board fresh Covenants executed by Messrs. Simpson Stratton Greenslate, Clarke Carey & Maunsell who have come of Age which are order'd to be sent home in the Packet with the others receiv'd lately from the Subordinates, And the Secretary is order'd to acquaint them that being likewise advanced in Station they must write to their Friends in England to Nominate new Securities for them.

Draft from the Accountant General for Money deposited by the Mayors Court.

A Draft from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court dated this day in favour of Captain John Henry Schaub is laid before the Board for One hundred and fifty Pagodas (150) on Account the Cause Huber versus Schaub pursuant to an Order of Court dated the 2d. Instant.

To be paid.

ORDER'D that the same be paid accordingly.

Letter from Colonel Lawrence.

Colonel Lawrence delivers in a Letter from himself with two Letters annex'd from Mr. Saunders the late President which it refers to Vizt. One from Mr. Saunders to himself dated in London 10th. October 1755 & the other to Colonel Heron dated 19th. December 1754. All which he requests may be sent home for the perusal of Our Honble Masters.

To be sent home in the Packet.

AGREED that they be enclos'd in the Chesterfield Packet.

Rent of Mr. Barnewall's House paid in.

Pursuant to Order of Consultation 23d. September 1754 The Paymaster pays in forty Pagodas (40) as five Months Rent of Mr. Barnewalls House in Choultry Gate Street collected from Mr. George Mackay & Messrs. Lopes & Da Castro and desires the Boards direction whether he shall demand the remaining part of the Rent that is not paid, it being due only by some of the Companys Servants & Officers who had inhabited it at different times.

Such of the Company's Servants who inhabited it to pay no Rent.

The Board being of Opinion that the Companys Servants & Officers are entitled to Lodgings Rent free ORDER'D that the Paymaster do not demand any Rent for such time as the above house was inhabited by any of the Company's Servants Civil or Military.

A Gratuity of 5 Pagodas ℔ day to be paid Mr. Smith while Supravisor at Deve-Cotah.

Mr. John Smith having been a considerable time Supravisor at DeveCotah & executed his Duty much to our Satisfaction without receiving any Additional Allowance for the necessary Expence he must have been at in traveling & for his Table while he resided there in that Station AGREED that he have the same Allowance which was given by the Secret Committee to Mr. Perceval when sent by them to Camp being five Pagodas ℔ day.

Arrack deliver'd at St. David to be paid for here.

The President acquaints the Board that Mr. Kellet the Surgeon of the Kings Regiment having deliver'd Seven and a half (7½) Leaguers of Arrack to the Storekeeper at Fort St. David on the Companys Account Requests to be paid for it here.

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Order'd that the Paymaster pay the Amount accordingly.

Order'd that Ten Candy of Copper be coin'd into Doodos on the Terms of the former Coinage.

10 Candy Copper to be coin'd into Doodos.

Letter from the Import Warehousekeeper dated the 3d. Instant read as enter'd hereafter Representing that on delivering some Bales of Perpetuanoes Ordinary Green he had by opening them discover'd that they were so much damaged by a small Worm which breeds in Wollen Goods, that out of four Bale he could only make out one compleate And That tho' these Perpetuanoes had been so long in the Warehouse as from the Year 1753 yet he is apprehensive there are many other Bales since receiv'd in the same Condition.

Letter from the Import Ware-housekr.

Agered that the Board adjourn to the Warehouse to examine the State of the Goods in general after going thro' the Business of the day.

The Board to adjourn to the Warehouse to examine the Bales.

Draught of the General Letter to the Hoñble Court of Directors intended ꝑ Chesterfield is now read & approved.

Draught of the General Letter read & approved.

The following Eight Setts of Bills of Exchange drawn on the Hoñble Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of seven shillings & Eight pence ꝑ Pagoda at Ninety days sight for Value receiv'd into their Cash here, are now sign'd.

7 Setts [*sic*] of Bills drawn on the Court of Directors sign'd.

Sett.		£.	S.	D.	P	F	C
1	Payable to Thomas Godfrey Esq . for Six hundred & ninety nine Pounds Eight Shillings & Six Pence or one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four Pagodas twenty one fanams and twenty Six Cash being in full return for a Chest of Coral Beads mark'd DG No. 11 ꝑ Godolphin 1756 value of George Pigot Esqr.	699	8	6	1824	21	26
1	Payable to Robert Goodere Esqr. for Two thousand Pounds or Five thousand two hundred and seventeen Pagodas, fourteen fanams and six Cash, value of Mr. Henry Powney	2000	—	—	5217	14	6
1	Payable to Robert Wood Esqr. for two thousand and ninety six Pounds One Shilling and four pence or five thousand four hundred & Sixty six Pagodas [*sic*] value of Robert Orme	2096	1	4	5468	—	—
1	Payable to Captain William Hutchinson or order value of Mr. Robert Orme for Fifty nine Pounds sixteen Shillings and eight Pence or One hundred & fifty six Pagodas three fanams & Nine Cash	59	16	8	156	3	9
1	Payable to Josiah Norris value of Mr. Josias Du Pre on account the Estate of John Norris for five hundred and Fifty eight Pounds four shillings & eleven pence or One thousand four hundred and Fifty six Pagodas ten fanams and fifty Cash	558	4	11	1456	10	50
1	Payable to Luke Medwin or Order value of Mr. Charles Smith on Account George Dolben for Fifty Pounds or One hundred & thirty Pagodas fifteen fanams and fifty two Cash	50	—	—	130	15	52
6	Carried over ..	5463	11	5	14252	28	63

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		£	S	D	P	F	C
6 Setts.	Brought over ..	5463	11	5	14252	28	63
1	Payable to James Cock value of Mr. Alexander Dalrymple account Lieutenant Campbell for Forty Pounds or one hundred and four Pagodas twelve fanams & fortyone Cash ..	40	—	—	104	12	41
1	Payable to Mrs. Elizabeth Smith value of Captain Richard Smith for Fifty Pounds or One hundred & thirty Pagodas fifteen fanams and Fifty two Cash	50	—	—	130	15	52
8	Setts amounting to .. .. £	5553	11	5	14487	20	76

Cash Account read.

The President read the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compard with the Chest being Twenty one thousand five hundred and seven Pagodas, thirteen fanams and sixteen Cash (21507–13–16) is carried forward.

By Adjournment in the Warehouse.

The Board having Adjourn'd to the Warehouse they found it in such good Order. They do not think that the damages represented by the Import Warehousekeeper can have any ways proceeded from want of care. It is therefore Resolved to defer opening any Number of the Bales till after the dispatch of the Chesterfield when a thorough Inspection shall be made & all the damaged Goods that may be found shall be put up at Outcry.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Grme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Since our last report in regard to Mr. Eyres's Accounts Mr. Perceval has laid some more of that Gentleman's Papers before the Committee amongst which We find the Paymaster's Accounts for July and August 1746 the former sign'd by Mr. Eyre tho' they do not appear to have been pass'd in Consultation. There is likewise a Memorandum in his own hand writing in regard to this months Account observing an Error he had discover'd on reperusal of them, in the Article Town Fortifications of Pags. 11–4 occasioned by a mistake in casting up the sums of that head. In the following Month (August) Accounts, which are not sign'd the same Memorandum observes that the Amount of the Credit side is short cast up 7 Cash. This Memorandum seems to Us a very strong Testimony of the Justness of the Accounts now laid before you. We have also receiv'd an Abstract of the Paymaster's Accounts for July, August, September and October 1746 the Ballance of which exactly corresponds with the Ballance of the Accounts mention'd in our former Address & is in his Favour.

Pagodas	3562	15	78
To which if the Error of the sum short cast up be added	—	—	7
	3562	16	5
From which being substracted the Mistake of	11	4	—
remain Pags. ...	3551	12	5

Which appears to us to be the true Ballance due from the Company to Mr. Eyres's Estate.

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In regard to the Sea Customs Accounts we have only to add to what was observ'd in our former Report that altho' the Account be drawn out in September that employ was deliver'd over by Mr. Eyres to Mr. Stratton the 1st. of May.

We beg leave to present the Papers mentioned above and are With the utmost Respect.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
RT. ORME.
JOHN SMITH.
JAMES ALEXANDER.

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THOMAS EYRE PAYMASTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE HON'BLE COMPANY.

D[R].

1746					
JULY	11	To Cash received of Nicholas Morse Esq[r]. .. .. .. Pags.	4000 — —		
	31	To D°. ..	4000 — —		
		To School house on the Island for Bricks work'd up Charged to Town Fortifications Last M°. .. .. P. 533 12 —			
		D°. for Bricks and Chunam work'd up this do. .. 1030 24 —	1564 — —		
				9564 — —	
		To Ballance carried to next month		3809 27 10	
		Pags.		13373 27 10	
AUG[T].	2d.	To Cash receiv'd of Nicholas Morse Esq[r], ...		P 4000 — —	
	12	To d°.		4000 — —	
		To school house on the Island for Brick Chunam &c[t]. work'd up & Charged to Town Fortifications this Month	726 24 —		
		Carried over ..	726 24 —	8000 — —	

C[R].

1746				
JULY	1	By Ballance of my Paymasters Accounts for last month		537 1 71
	31	By Charges Garrison.	P. 2846 12 70	
		Charges diet ..	583 12 —	
		Charges Cattle ..	66 24 —	
		Fort Marlbrough.	16 30 —	
		Charges General.	923 15 78	
		Bombay Presidency	35 9 —	
		Charges Hospital.	62 3 30	
		Charges Extraordinary	572 32 61	
		Account Presents.	45 — —	
		Chunam boat Madenasaib ..	432 24 50	
		Chunam boat Narsimulla ..	507 — —	
		Nabob Expences.	60 3 20	
		Town Fortifications on the West side ..	6502 4 30	
		Repairs of Fortifications ..	182 33 —	
				12836 25 19
				Pags. 13373 27 10
AUG[T].	1	By Ballance of last Months Account		P 3809 27 10
	31	By Disbursements this month	P. 1527 19 50	
		Charges Garrison ..	375 10 7	
		Fort Marlbrough ..	10 — —	
		Charges General ..	420 21 37	
		Charges Hospital ..	41 30 —	
		Carried over ..	2375 9 14	3809 27 10

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THOMAS EYRE PAYMASTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE HON'BLE COMPANY—*cont.*

Dr.

		Brought over ..	726	24	—	8000	—	—
1746								
Augt.	12	To cash received in Repairs of Fortifications	347	—	—			
		D°. rec̃d Account Sales of Wood work	547	27	—			
						1624	15	— [*sic*]
		To Cash rec'd Ballance of my Account for June	..			537	1	71
		To Cash from the Sea Customs	..			623	13	36
						10784	30	27
	31	To Ballance carried to next Month				5047	30	40
					Pags.	15832	24	67
Septemr.	1	To cash rec'd from the Company's Shroff Comrapa ..	1000	—	—			
	8	To D°. ..	700	—	—			
		D°. in fanams. P. 1135 — —						
		D°. d°. 120 5 60						
			1255	5	60			
						2955	5	60
	29	To Cash rec'd of Nicholas Morse Esqr.	..			1000	—	—
						3955	5	60
	30	To Ballance carried to next months Account	..			3267	2	36
					Pags.	7222	8	16

Cr.

		Brought over	2375	9	14	3809	27	10
1746								
Augt.	31	Account Presents ..	17	6	20			
		Nabobs Expences ..	83	25	70			
		Account Salary ..	2503	22	52			
		Town Fortifications on the West Side ..	6100	22	68			
		Repairs of Fortifications..	909	7	—			
						12022	23	57 [*sic*]
					Pags.	15832	24	67
Septemr.	1	By Ballance due on last months Account.	..		Pags.	5047	30	40
	30	By Disbursements this month—						
		Charges Garrison.	413	35	—			
		Charges General.	205	12	66			
		Charges Hospital.	67	20	—			
		Charges Extraordinary ..	1073	3	70			
		Town Fortifications on the West Side ..	414	14	—			
						2174	13	56
					Pags.	7222	8	16

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THOMAS EYRE PAYMASTER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE HON'BLE COMPANY—*cont.*

DR.

Date	Particulars							
1746								
OCTOBER 4	To Cash receiv'd from Nicholas Morse Esqr.	P. 1000	—	—			
27	To dº.	150	—	—	1150	—	—
	To Rupees of Solomon Salomons ₰ note Given him Arcot Rupees 2000 @ 350 ₰ % Pag	..			571	15	68
					1721	15	68
	To Ballance	..			3562	15	78
		Pags.			5283	31	66

CR.

Date	Particulars						
1746							
OCTOBER 1	By Ballance brought from last month's Account				3267	2	36
	By Disbursements this month—						
	Charges Garrison.	P. 212	18	—			
	Charges General.	88	8	20			
	Charges Extraordinary ..	1716	3	10	2016	29	30
				Pags.	5283	31	66

ERRORS EXCEPTED
₰ THOS. EYRE.

Memorandum of Errors discovered on reperusing the Account for July in Town Fortifications I find the total there of ..	P.	2619	1	17
Casts up but		2607	33	17
And is cast up more than ought	Pags	11	4	—
Dº.......... in the Account Current for August The several Heads brought to th Credit side Cast up		12022	33	64
which are th ere Copied out		12022	33	57
And so, short Cast up ..		—	—	7

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Account Sea Customs to Ultimo April 1746

Dr.

Date	Particulars	Pags.	Fa.	Cash
1746 April 30	To ballance of this Months Account pass'd in Consultation	10397	29	76

Cr.

Date	Particulars				Pags.	Fa.	Cash
1746 May 30	By Cash paid in Consultation				8300	—	—
2	By d°. d°.				700	—	—
31	By Thomas Eyre Paymaster brought to that Account				623	13	36
	By the Pedenaigue for the money prov^{d} to be robb'd from Vencatrama Collecting Conicoply ..	324	16	40			
	By Coja Mucadums Goods 1 bale lodged in the Sea Cust^{s}. Godown as a security for Cust^{s}.	200	—	—			
			d	t	524	16	40
	By Goods lodg^{d}. to Am^{t}. of Debts Outstanding				250	—	—
					10397	29	76

Errors Excepted

In Fort S^{t}. George,
30th. September 1746.

Thos^{s}. Eyre.
Late Sea Customer.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Report dated 20 February in regard to the State of Captain Schaub's Detachment whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry & of the Draughts he made for their Pay as well as that of the English Prisoners there we laid before you the Result of our Enquirys to that time which for want of materials and Captain Schaubs presence here amounted to nothing more than Surmise. Since then a State of his Detachment whilst Prisoners which he deliver'd to the Paymaster when he was before at the Presidency having been found upon comparing it with the Fort St. David Paymaster's Accounts we observe the differences mentioned in the accompanying Account.

Captain Schaub being call'd before the Committee & examined in regard to the above mention'd state of his Detachment could neither admit or deny them having no Copies of his Rolls or Abstracts but desired that the original Rolls & Abstracts which he sent to Fort St. David in 1753 as well as the List of Deaths and Desertions he sent to the Secretary of Fort St. David about the same time or that which he delivered to Mr. Saunders in December 1753 might be produced to him all which Original Papers as is set forth in our abovemention'd Report were deliver'd to the late President Mr. Saunders & are not to be found so that supposing the Abovemention'd Account to be a just one (and we have no Proof to the Contrary) the Question that arises according to Captain Schaub is whether the Paymasters Accounts be also just, if they are, it seems very plain that Captain Schaub on his own Detachment has overcharged £. 107–4–8.

No. 73 Your Honour &ct. having wrote the Gentlemen at St. David to examine Captain Schaubs Officers by their Answer dated 30th. May it appears that Captain Schaub kept them entirely in the dark as well in Regard to his own Detachment as the English Prisoners and employed one Sergeant Heim to write all his Rolls and Abstracts, this Man therefore to be the only Person who could have given any further Lights into the Affair the Gentlemen at Fort St. David made immediate Enquiry after him but found he had been missing two days before Captain Schaub set out for Madras and upon examining Captain Schaub's Dubash he declared that this Serjeant Heim had been sent by Captain Schaub to Pondicherry under the Charge of two Seapoys that he saw his Master pay him there Pagodas 30 & that the Serjeant told him he had his Master's leave to go to Bengal, having therefore no Proofs against Captain Schaub with Respect to the English Prisoners we could do no more than desire he would give us some satisfactory account how it happen'd that the Number of Prisoners in May 1753 being 127 does not appear to be diminished in six months except by two Officers only who return'd on Parole but in the 7th. Month, being November about which time he was requir'd to send Pay Rolls they are suddenly reduced by 18 Men & the next month by 20. His reply was as before that he had no Copies of those Rolls or any Accounts relating to the Prisoners desiring that his original Rolls &ct. sent to St. David might be produced declaring at the same time that when he was called up by Mr. Saunders to the Presidency to justify himself in this Affair he shew'd in presence of Captain Brohier all the Papers he had relating to it but which are since lost, and that Mr. Saunders was well satisfied with his Conduct.

All which we submit to your Honour &ct. & are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient hum. Sert.
George Pigot.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
James Alexander.

Fort St. George,
6 November 1756.

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Account of Overcharges & Under Charges in Captain Schaub's Detachment of Swiss whilst Prisoners at Pondicherry by the Fort St. David Paymasters Accounts & Captain Schaub's State of the Detachment.

Year	Month	Overcharges				Under Charges	£.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.	P.	F.	C.
1752	Novr.	1 Corporal ..	£1	15	—										
		1 Centinel ..	1	5	—								3	—	—
	Decr.	1 Corporal ..	1	16	2										
		4 Centinels ..	5	—	—								6	16	2
1753	Janry	1 Corporal ..	1	16	2										
		4 Centinels ..	5	—	—								6	16	2
	Febry	The same ..											6	10	6
	March	The same ..											6	16	2
	April	1 Corporal ..	1	15	—										
		5 Centinels ..	6	5	—								8	—	—
	May	The same ..											8	5	4
	June	1 Corporal ..	1	15	—										
		1 Centinel ..	1	5	—								3	—	—
	July	1 Corporal ..	1	16	2										
		4 Centinels ..	5	—	—								6	16	2
	August	The same ..											6	16	2
	September	1 Corporal ..	1	15	—										
		10 Centinels ..	12	10	—								14	5	—
	Oct ber	1 Volunteer ..											2	11	8
	Novr.	1 Do. ..											2	10	—
1754	Febry	1 Centinel ..											1	3	4
	March	1 Ensign ..	6	4	—										
		4 Centinels ..	5	2	4								11	6	4
	April	1 Centinel ..											1	5	—
	May	The same ..											1	5	10
	June	3 Centinels											3	15	—
	July	4 Centinels ..											5	—	—
	Augt.	3 Do. ..				1 Volunteer	3	17	6	2	11	8	1	5	10
													£ 107	4	8

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Notwithstanding all the care that has been taken of the Woollen Goods under my care as Import Warehousekeeper by being often aired and inspected into, still upon the delivery of some Bales of broad Perpetuanoes ordinary green it's with concern I remark'd that out of four Bales open'd they could only make up one but what were eaten throughout by a small Worm that I find breeds in all kinds of Woollen Goods when kept long. The above Perpetuanoes

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have been in the Warehouse ever since the Year 1753 and I am apprehensive there are many others in the same Condition, but should they be opened it may in all probability hurt the Sales.

You'll be pleased to favour me with your directions on this Head and am with due Respect.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble. Sert.

Fort St. George,
the 3d. Novr. 1756.

Henry Powney.
Impt. Ware Ho. Kr. &ct.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Being desirous of returning to Europe I request your Honour &ct. Permission to take my Passage on the Chesterfield, and that the Commander may be permitted to receive me and my Necessaries on board.

I am
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Sert.

James Spears.

Fort St. George,
3d. November 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President and Governour &ct. Council
at Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 23d. of October 1755 I paid into the Honble Companys Cash agreeable to your Orders the Sum of Pagodas 2592–78 due from my deceas'd Father as it stood upon their Books relying entirely upon your Honour &ct. for the justness of the demand not having then receiv'd his Books and Accounts from England by which I was ignorant on the other hand what Sums were due to him from the Company. My Attorney has since sent them out to me and by an open Account taken from thence now enclos'd there will be a Ballance due to him, when struck of Pagodas 798. 29. 42. From this I have drawn out another Account to this time, by which there is a Ballance due to his Representatives from the Honble Company of Pagodas 3403. 19. 20 which I must request your Honour &ct. will take into Consideration and order the same to be discharged. In this last Account I have given Credit for Salary due to him as Senior Merchant and third of Council and as I find the same has never been paid him, I hope you'll think it reasonable.

I am with great Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble. Sert.

Fort St George,
the 3d. Novr. 1746 [*sic*].

George Stratton.
Actg. Executor.

FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756.

THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY

Dr.

		To my Diet money and Allowance for the month of March 1743 Arcot Rupees 104–11			35	7	—
		To the English Squadron for 7 Dupers of Butter supplied the Ship Preston at Vizagapatam			48	—	—
		To a Mast supplied the Brigantine Mermaid at Vizagapatam			50	—	—
		To Sundry Callicoes delivered into the Warehouse of this place amounting to Pagodas			346	4	72
		To Sundry Merchants Ballances as ₱ List deliver'd the Governour and Council Vizt.—					
		In Pagodas	838	— 48			
		In Rupees 2485.14.6 @ 315%	789	7 —			
					1627	7	48
		To Grain for one Godown deliver'd at the time of the Seige containing Vizt.—					
		G M					
		Rice 2 140 @ P 70 ₱ Garce ..	164	18 —			
		Paddy 32 — @ 35.	1120	— —			
					1284	18	—
1746							
Sept.	25	To the above Ballance brought down ..			798	29	42
		To Account Salary due to John Stratton deceased to this day Vizt.— As Senior Merchant from 25th March to 21st April 1746 is 26 days @ £ 40 ₱ Annum .. .. £	2	17 9			
		Carried over ..	2	17 9	798	29	42

Cr.

		By my Ballance as I stand upon their Books ending April 30th. 1744	2592	—	78
		By Cash receiv'd by Mr. Goodwin on Account of 7 Duppers of Butter supplied the Squadron	48	—	—
1756					
Novr.	3	By Ballance due this day	3403	19	20
		Carried over ..	3451	19	20

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THE UNITED EAST INDIA COMPANY—*cont.*

Dr.									Cr.			
	Brought over ..	2	17	9	798	29	42		Carried over ..	3451	19	20
	As Third of Council from 21st April to 25th Sept. Y M 1746 is 5 4 @ £ 50 ℔ Annum	21	17	9								
		£ 24	5	6 @								
	8 Shillings ℔ Pagoda is ..				60	24	60					
1755 October 23	To Cash paid to the Governor & Council this day				2592	—	78					
	PAGODAS ..				3451	19	20		PAGODAS ..	3451	19	20

ERRORS EXCEPTED

℔ GEORGE STRATTON,
Acting Exor to the Estate of John Stratton Deceased.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 3D. NOVEMBER 1756.

FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756

FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1756.

The Hon~ble United Companys Cash — Dr.

1	To Ballance brought from last Months Account ..	8515	222720	59	14701	24	59
18	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper rec~d of him on his running account	2000	—	—	2000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer rec~d of him on his running Account.	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
—	To Claud Russell Accountant General of the Mayors Court rec~d of the Register of the said Court Account the Cause Huba versus Schaub ..	150	—	—	150	—	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chitty Beetle and Tobacco Farmers recei-v'd of them in full for 1 Months Rent of that Farm due the 1st September last ..	200	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chitty Farmers of the Arrack & Wine License rec~d of them in full for 1 Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. September last	—	12000	—	333	12	—
	Carried over ..	11865	251520	59	18851	24	59

Per Contra — Cr.

9	By His Majesty's Squadron paid the Companys Allowance of 5 Pagodas ℔ day from 1 May to 30 Septr. both inclusive being 153 days ..	765	—	—	765	—	—
11	By Expedition to Bengal advanced M. John Walsh Paymaster of the Land Forces intended for said Expedition.	3250	—	—	3250	—	—
—	By Account Salary paid the Hon~ble Company's Covenant Servants at this Presidency six month's Salary due the 25th. Ultimo	2102	27	40	2102	27	40
27	By House in Choultry Gate Street paid Father Severini Executor of the Will of Coja Petrus Uscan deceased the purchase money of said House as ℔ Bill of Sale.	1010	—	—	1010	—	
28	By Robert Orme Commissary advanced him for the Charges of the Troops &ct.	8000	—	—	8000	—	—
—	By Batta Issued in the Course of this Month to be exchanged into Fanams	4000	—	—	4000	—	—
	Carried over ..	19127	27	40	19127	27	40

FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1756.

THE HONBLE UNITED COMPANYS CASH—*cont.* DR.

	Brought over ..	11865	251520	59	18851	24	59
18	To Pitloor Vencata Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the measuring Duty recd of them in full for 2 Months Rent of that Farm due 1st. September last	—	6000	—	166	24	—
28	To Current Pagodas recd from the Treasury ..	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper recd of him on his running Account	15500	—	—	15500	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running Account.	1000	—	—	1000	—	—
—	To William Perceval Land Customer recd of him for the September Balance of that Account ..	134	6779	77	322	11	77
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chitty Farmers of the Town Brokerage recd of them in full for 6 months Rent of that Farm due the 1st. September	350	—	—	350	—	—
	Carried over ..	48849	264300	56	602190	24	56

PER CONTRA—*cont.* CR.

	Brought over ..	19127	27	40	19127	27	40
30	By John Smith Paymaster advanced him for the Charges of that Employ	9000	180000	—	14000	—	—
—	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced him to pay the Military &ct.	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
	Carried over ..	34127	180027	40	39127	27	40

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The Honble United Company's Cash—*cont.*

								Dr.
	Brought over ..	48849	264300	56	602190	24	56
—	To Batta for the produce of four thousand Pagodas issued as ℔ Contra and Exchanged into Fanams at 40 Fanams ℔ Pagoda and brought to account here at 30 fs. ..	—	160000	—	4444	16	—
	STAR or CURR. PAGs.	48849	424300	56	60635	4	56

Per Contra

							Cr.
	Brought over ..	34127	180027	40	39127	27	40
31	By Ballance carried to next months Account..	14722	244273	16	21507	13	16
	STAR or CURRT. PAGs.	48849	424300	56	60635	4	56

Errors Excepted

℔ George Pigot.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756* ——

8 Receiv'd by Pattamars General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 15th. Ultimo.

9 Sent by Pattamar General Letter to Tellicherry dated this day.

11 Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.

12 Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 9th. Instant.

13 Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Tellicherry dated the 17th. Ultimo.

18 Receiv'd by do. General Letter from Tellicherry dated the 28th. Ultimo.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRIDAY THE 19TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 6th. Instant read & Sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read From Vizagapatam

No. 160 From Mr. John Lewin Smith Provisional Chief &ct. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 15th. October Enclosing Duplicates of their Letters by the Hartop Snow and Neptune Sloop with the Invoices accompanying them, and advising an Error in the Invoice ℔ Neptune Sloop which they have rectified in a Copy they now send. That notwithstanding the late supply of Cash We sent them, their Ballance being now very small by the Advance to the Merchants who have brought in a large Quantity of Cloth, exclusive of the twenty thousand Rupees still owing to Mr. Smith. They request a further supply as it is absolutely necessary for their Investment which they expect to be considerable by January. That on Account of the favourable opportunity of employing their Cash in the Investment Mr. Smith is unwilling to repay himself the twenty thousand Rupees he lent the Cash as before advised, They beg our Permission to draw upon us for that Sum, which they hope We will grant as it will save the risk of so much thither.

General Letters read From St. David.

No. 161 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. & the Rest of the Council at Fort St. David dated the 9th. Instant Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 4th. & Enclosing their Consultations and Monthly Accounts for September as also a Report from their Committee of Accounts on the Accounts of that Settlement for September in which there are some Regulations proposed with Respect to the making and Repairing Military Stores which they concurr in and have order'd to be tryed hoping they will meet with our Approbation.

From Tellicherry.

No. 162 & 163 From Thomas Hodges Esqr. &ct. Factors at Tellicherry. The first dated the 17th. Ultimo serving to enclose his Majesty's Declaration of War against France dated the 17th. May and also a Packet from the Secret Committee at Bombay directed to the President which came particularly recommended to their Chief. The other dated the 28th. Ultimo Enclosing Duplicate of their last as also of the Packet from the Secret Committee at Bombay to the President Mr. Pigot.

Impt. Ware Ho. Kr. account deficiencies ℔ Chesterfield.

The Import Warehousekeeper delivers in as Enter'd hereafter an Account Damages and Deficiencies ℔ Ship Chesterfield amounting to Pagodas Two hundred and eighty five thirteen fanams and seventy Cash (285–13–70) which the Captain has made good .

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756* ——

The Storekeeper lays before the Board as enter'd hereafter the Accounts Deficiencies ⅌ Ships Delawar, Suffolk, Stormont, Caernarvon & Chesterfield which the Commanders have paid for. **Storehouse Account Deficiencies & Ships anno 1756.**

The following two Setts of Bills of Exchange are now sign'd drawn on the Court of Directors at their stated Exchange of Seven Shillings and eight pence ⅌ Pagoda at Ninety days sight for value receiv'd into the Honble Company's Cash here Viz^t^. **2 Setts of Bills of Exchange drawn on the Company.**

Setts.		£	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.
1	Payable to Robert Goodere Esqr. value of Mr. Henry Powney for Six hundred & six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and three pence or One thousand five hund^d^. and eighty two Pagodas, thirty five fanams and forty seven Cash	606	16	3	1582	35	47
1	Payable to Henry Savage Esqr. value of M^r^. Henry Powney for One hundred and Nineteen Pounds Nineteen shillings and ten Pence Sterling or Three hundred & thirteen Pagodas and sixty one Cash	119	19	10	313	—	61
2	Setts amounting to Pagodas	726	16	1	1896	—	28

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in on his running Account Thirteen thousand (13000) Pagodas. **Money paid into Cash by the Imp^t^. Ware House-keeper.**

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand (1000) Pagodas on his running Account.

The several Cowles for the Paddy fields & Salt Pans and the Companys Old Garden expiring the 11th. of next Month Agreed that they be advertised to be put up to Sale at Outcry on Wednesday the first of December and that they be let for five Years agreeable to the Liberty the Company have lately given Us for encreasing the Term of the Cowles for the old Farms. **Cowles for Paddy fields & Salt Pans & the Company Old Garden to be let at Outcry the 1st. December.**

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Ch^s^. Bourchier.

Account of Goods Deficient and Damaged ⅌ Ship Chesterfield.

			P^s^.	£	s.	d.
Aurora ..	..	Damaged by holes being rub'd against the side of the ship	9	£ 53	11	—
Ordinary	..	Blue D^o^.	1	4	12	3
Ditto	..	Emerald Green D^o^.	1	4	17	—
Copper ..	..	Wanting 52 Plates Pz 4 — qr. 13 lb. @ £ 121 ⅌ Ton		24	7	3
				87	7	6
		Europe Charges ½ ⅌ Ct. ..		—	8	8
				87	16	2
		Advance 30 ⅌ Cent ..		26	6	11
				£ 114	3	1 @ sh^s^. 8
		⅌ Pag^s^.		285	13	70

Henry Powney.
Imp^t^. W H^o^. K^r^.

Fort S^t^. George,
9 November 1756.

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ACCOUNT OF DEFICIENCIES OF STORES ꝑ SHIP DELAWAR CAPTAIN THOMAS WINTER.

Item	Quantity		£	s.	d.	P.	F.	C.
Log Lines	15		—	13	9			
Seizing d°.	1		—	1	8			
Twine	2 lb.		—	2	2			
Tin Lanthorns	1		—	2	2			
			—	19	9			
		Advance 30 ꝑ Ct	—	5	11			
			£1	5	8	3	7	40

ꝑ SHIP SUFFOLK CAPT. WILLIAM WILSON.

Item	cwt. qr. lb.		£	s.	d.	P.	F.	C.
Cordages	3 2 21		6	1	8			
Chalk	9 — —		—	9	11			
			6	11	7			
		Advance 30 ꝑ Ct.	1	19	6			
			£ 8	11	1	21	13	70

ꝑ SHIP STORMONT CAPT. JOSIAH HINDMAN.

Item	Quantity		£	s.	d.	P.	F.	C.
Deals	30		3	3	—			
*Euffirs	6		1	5	—			
Sea Coals	3 Chaldron		5	18	7			
			10	6	7			
		Advance 30 ꝑ Ct.	3	2	—			
			13	8	7	33	20	50

ꝑ SHIP CAERNARVON CAPT. NORTON HUTCHINSON.

Item	Quantity		£	s.	d.	P.	F.	C.
Deals	30		£ 3	3	—			
Euffirs	6		1	5	—			
Sea Coales	Chas. 1. Bush.s 26½		3	7	4			
Grapnols	1 pz. qr. 2 lb. 15		—	18	11			
			8	14	3			
		Advance 30 ꝑ Ct	2	12	3			
			£ 11	6	6	28	11	20

ꝑ SHIP CHESTERFIELD CAPTAIN EDWIN CARTER.

Item	cwt. qr. lb.		£	s.	d.	P.	F.	C.
Bar Iron	1 25		6	17	4½			
Grapnols	1 — 2 12		—	18	1			
Hambro Lines	1		—	2	5½			
Deals	— 13½ —		1	8	—			
Euffirs	— ¾ —		—	3	—			
			9	7	11 [*sic*]			
		Advance 30 ꝑ Cent	2	16	4½			
			£ 12	4	3½	30	19	25
		Pagodas				117	—	45

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19 NOVR. 1756.

JOHN SMITH.
Storekr.

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—— FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756 ——

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR., GOVERNR. PRESIDENT — SUNDAY THE 21ST.

STRINGR. LAWRENCE. — HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME. — WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH. — CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of Last Consultation dated the 19th. Instant read & Sign'd.

The Paymaster & Captain of the Train deliver in as enter'd hereafter their Report of the Chesterfields Ammunition and Warlike Stores and Muster Roll of her Crew. Report of Chesterfields Ammunition & Warlike Stores.

The following Dispatches are now signed Vizt. Dispatches ℔ Chesterfield.

General Letter to the Honble Court of Directors.

General Letter to the Governour & Council of St. Helena.

Export Warehouse
Import Warehouse
Storehouse
Military Storehouse
Mint
} INDENTS for the Year 1758.

and Sailing Orders to Captain Carter of the Chesterfield all dated this day.

ORDER'D that the Packet be Shut and deliver'd to the Captain with his Sailing Orders this Evening.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

TO THE HONBLE GEORGE PIGOT ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CT. COUNCIL
OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Conformable to your Orders of Yesterday's date signified to us by Mr. DuPre, Secretary We have been on board the Chesterfield Captain carter, muster'd her Ships Company and examined her Artillery Stores which we find According to the Lists annex'd & believe She is in a fit Condition to proceed for Europe.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient humble Servts.

JOHN SMITH.
JOHN BROHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 20 NOVR. 1756.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756——

23 Sail'd the Honble Companys Ship Chesterfield Captain Edwin Carter with Colonel Lawrence on board and a General Letter for Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant at which Place she has Orders to call to Land the Colonel who is to command the Garrison there in Mr. Clive's Absence & from thence to proceed immediately to England.

25 Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated 3d. Instant with a Packet from the Negrais enclosed, receiv'd there by the Cuddalore Sloop.

Do. by Pattamars General Letter from Ingeram dated the 4th. Instant.

Do. By Tappies Do. from Fort St. David dated the 19th. Instant.

Do. By Peons Do. from Ingeram dated 8th. Instant.

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Friday the 26

Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
William Perceval. John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

General Letters read — General Letters read Vizt.

From Vizagaptm. General Letter read. — No. 164 From Mr. John Lewin Smith Provisional Chief &ct. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 3d. Instant Enclosing a Packet from the Negrais which was received there the 30th. Ultimo by our Honble Masters Sloop Cuddalore and Acquainting Us that upon a Representation from the Captain, of the Leaky Condition of that Vessell they had order'd her into the River & Given Directions for setting about such Repairs as are absolutely necessary, That they dispatch'd the Arcot Snow for the Negrais the 23d. Ultimo with Fourteen hundred (1400) Bags of Rice, Invoice of which they now enclose with their monthly Papers. Cloth on hand L.C.O. 679. 14 (Cor. Ps.) L.C.F. 121. 2 (Cor. Ps.) L.C.M. 15. 13. (Cor. Ps.) S.A.L.O. 19. 19 S.A.L.F. 11. 11. (Cor. Ps)

From Negrais. — No. 165 From Lieutenant Thomas Newton at the Negrais dated 15th. October Acquainting Us with the death of Captain John Howes the late Chief which happen'd while he himself was at Persaim with the Ship George with proper Ammunition & Stores for the use of a new Settlement to be fixed there according to Agreement between Captain Howes & the Prince of Persaim, that Gentlemen having gone up with the Ship to Persaim in July & during the short stay he made there prevailed on the Prince to give Liberty to the Company to build a Fort upon a high spot of Ground at old Persaim known by the Name of the Pagoda hill which is a place that by Art might be made almost impregnable. That accordingly the English Flag was hoisted there the 5th. August in presence of the Prince of Persaim & the Chiefs among the Burmahs and the place was called by Captain Howes Fort Augustus, immediately after which, Captain Howes return'd to the Negrais & left him (Lieutenant Newton) to command with some Soldiers & Lascars besides some Artificers to begin upon the new Settlement. That the Works at first were begun very briskly but immediately after the Prince went to Dagon, the Burmahs throw every Obstacle in their Way that they possibly could to prevent their settling on that Spot notwithstanding which he proceeded on the intended Work & in some Measure secured themselves. But their Soldiers falling Sickly & fresh Provisions not

General Letter read.

being easily procured, Captain Howes order'd hm to quit the Place with the Ship & Stores but leave a Corporal & two or three Men to take charge of the Buildings. That he left the Place the 9th. Ultimo upon the News of Captain Howes death after leaving Order for the Ship George to take on board the Guns & Stores with the Military & immediately to repair to the Negrais. That upon his arrival there he found the Companys Accounts were brought up no further than July and that it was impossible for him to compleat them down to the date of his Letter to send by the Cuddalore Sloop as Captain Baker proposed only to stay till he could finish his Letters. That as he has reason to apprehend a Disappointment in the supplies from Bengal which Captain Howes had wrote for, he now encloses Copies of the Letters to that Settlement & of the Indent enclosed in them in hopes We will order supplies from hence accordingly. That he had purchased on the Honble Companys Account all the Timber & Plank that was brought to Persiam that Season on Account of which he will send by the next Conveyance. That some of the Military return on the Cuddalore Sloop who have served their Contracted time a List of whom he encloses with a General Return of the Military & Train on the Island. That he has drawn Three Setts of Bills upon Us for Money paid into the Honble Company's Cash there which he hopes We will honour.

From Ingeram.

No. 166 & No. 168 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram. The first dated the 4th. Instant enclosing his Monthly Papers for October & requesting a further supply of Cash Cloth on hand Viz. At the Wash L.C.O. 48 Corge L.C.M. Cor. 43 L.C.F. Cor. 45 Embaled L.C.O. 11 Bales L.C.M. 1 Bale In all 136 Corge & 12 Bales. The other dated the 8th. Instant acquainting Us that the Sloop he had dispatch'd with Stores to the President & Council in Bengal having fallen in with Calingapatam not being able to gain her Passage, he had order'd the Master of her to proceed to Vizagapatam with her & deliver the Cargo to the Chief & Council there whom he has requested to receive it & to dispose of such part as is perishable & to forward the remainder to the Bay by first Conveyance all which he hopes will meet with our Approbation.

General Letters read from Fort St. David.

No. 167 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. and the other Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David dated the 19th. Instant acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 11th. & of the Twenty thousand Pagodas sent them overland the 4th. and acquainting Us that they have advertised the sale of the Cowles for the Weighing & Measuring Duty & the Beetle & Tobacco Farm as We direct. And that they have drawn a Sett of Bills upon us for Nine thousand six hundred and six Arcot Rupees at five days sight which they hope We will approve of.

Negrais Letter to lye on the Table.

ORDER'D that the Letters from the Negrais do lye upon the Table to be further consider'd.

Bills of Exchange from Negrais & Fort St. David order'd to be paid.

The Three Bills of Exchange drawn from the Negrais as advised in the above Letter from thence No. 164 and the Sett from Fort St. David mention'd in the Letter from thence No. 167 are ordered to be paid out of the Treasury when presented.

The Sloop employed by the Presidt. on Secret Service is return'd to Vizagapatam & had seen the China ships safe at the Streights.

The President acquaints the Board that the Sloop he employ'd lately on some Secret Service is arrived at Vizagapatam & had seen all the China Ships safe in the Streights of Malacca.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756—

Letter from the Mayrs. Court pressing the Appointment of a new Alderman.

Letter from the Mayors Court dated the 23d. Instant is read as enter'd hereafter representing that the Election of a Mayor for the ensueing Year is near at hand before when it is necessary that the vacancy which they before advised us of in a Letter of the 26th. Ultimo should be filled up.

Mr. Henry Brooke elected an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Their Letter of the 26th. Ultimo which was ordered in Consultation of the 28th. Ultimo to lye on the Table being again read And Mr. Henry Brooke being proposed as a fit Person to fill up the Vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Browning he is by a Majority elected an Alderman of the Mayors Court.

Account Sale of 318 Bales of Broad Cloth read.

The Import Warehousekeeper lays before the Board an Account Sale of Three hundred and eighteen (318) Bales of Broad Cloth amounting to Pagodas Thirty one thousand One hundred and fifty seven (31157) which is ordered to be entered hereafter.

60,000 Rupees sold to Linga Chitty.

Agreed that sixty thousand Arcot Rupees be sold to Linga Chitty at the rate of three hundred and seventy rupees for a hundred Pagodas amounting to Sixteen thousand two hundred & sixteen Pagodas seven fanams & Sixty two Cash which he is to pay into the Treasury as follows.

8108	3	71	Pagodas on the 26th. of December next
8108	3	71	on the 26th. of January following
16216	7	62	

Land Customer pays money into Cash.

Mr. William Perceval Land Customer pays in Three hundred and fifty Pagodas twenty two fanams & twenty Eight Cash (350–22–28) in full of the Ballance of that Account for the Month of October.

Advances made out of Cash.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash.

To the Paymaster & To the Military Paymaster.

To the Paymaster fourteen thousand (14000) Pagodas for the Charges of that employ And

To the Military Paymaster Six thousand (6000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ And

To the Military Storekeeper two thousand five hundred (2500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ.

Advance to the Commissary from the Treasury.

Agreed also that thirty thousand (30,000) Rupees be advanced out of the Treasury to the Commissary to defray the Charges of the Troops abroad.

Rents paid in the Manamangalum Country.

Rayal Pundat Renter of the Mannamangalam Country pays in Seven thousand (7000) Pagodas in full for six Months Rent due the 31st. July last at which time the Cowle expired.

Of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Renters of the Beetle & Tobacco Farms pay in six hundred & sixty six Pagodas & twenty four Fanams (666. 24) for one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 30th. September last.

Of the Arrack & Wine License.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chitty Renters of the Arrack & Wine License pay in Three hundred & thirty three Pagodas & twelve fanams (333. 12) for one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 30th. September last.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756.

ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HON͂BLE COMPANYS BROAD CLOTH AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS.

The time of sale	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
19 Novr. 1756.	Broad Cloth Aurora .. 2; Do. Ordinary red .. 2; Do. do. green 2	6 Bales ..	Pags. 500 3 60	Pags. 575 ..	..	Pags. 576 ..	Cullivah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Golla Singah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Vellapah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Bussovapah Chittee.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	576 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	578 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	578 ..	Do.
..		6 do. ..	..	..	..	578 ..	Cullivah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	579 ..	Ambalataddy Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	580 ..	Vellapah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	580 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	586 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	593 ..	Tondava Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	Arnagady Chitty.
..		6 do. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	Do.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	Vellapah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	589 ..	Ambalatoddy Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	589 ..	Soobiah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	589 ..	Paupah Chitty,
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	589 ..	Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	589 ..	Cullavah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	589 ..	do.
Carried over ..		156 Bales		Carried over Pagodas ..		15155	

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ACCOUNT SALE OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S BROAD CLOTH AT PUBLIC OUTCRY ON THE USUAL TERMS—*cont.*

The time of Sale.	Quality of the Goods.	Lot or Quantity.	Invoice Price.	Price put up at.	Price sold at.	Amount of each Lot.	To whom sold.
	Brought over Bales ..	156			Brought over Pagodas.	15155.	
19 Novr. 1756.	Broad Cloth Aurora .. 2; D°. Ordinary red .. 2; D°. d°. green .. 2	6 Bales ..	Pags. 500 3 60	Pags. 575 ..	..	Pags. 590 ..	Bussovapah Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	Polingola Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	Cauroomba Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	Vellapah.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	D°.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	D°.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	590 ..	D°.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Ambalatady Chittee.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Salem Ramah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Ramalinga Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Ramah Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Oppah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Paupah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	591 ..	Condapah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	592 ..	Pegue Tagapah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	593 ..	Mootapoola.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	594 ..	Cautoo Permal Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	594 ..	Sheally Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	595 ..	Pooliar Chitty.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	595 ..	Vellapah.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	Pooliar Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	Tatah Chitty.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	D°.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	Vellapah.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	D°.
..	..	6 do. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	D°.
..	..	6 d°. ..	..	..	..	596 ..	D°.
..	..	318 Bales amounting. ..			Pags. ..	31157	

ERRORS EXCEPTED

FORT ST. GEORGE,
THE 19TH. NOVEMBER 1756.

℘ HENRY POWNEY.
Impt. Warehousekeeper.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1756 —

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble the Mayors Court taking into Consideration that the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing Year is near at hand, and that the Place of One of the Aldermen vacated by the Death of Mr. John Browning (of which Notice was given you by Letter from their Register bearing date the 26th. Ultimo) is not as yet filled up, but which must agreeable to the Charter be filled up before such Election. They have therefore again directed me to represent to your Honour &ct. that they desire that another Alderman may be appointed in the room and stead of Mr. John Browning deceased as soon as possible.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant

Daniel Morse.
Regr.

Fort St. George,
November 23d. 1756.

Receiv'd by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 25 Instant. 29

Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated the 16th. Instant. 30

At a Consultation

Wednesday. the 1st. December

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. Presidt.

Henry Powney. Robert Orme.
—,,—,,— John Smith.

—,,—,,—

Mr. Perceval *absent Indisposed.*

Mr. Bourchier *also Absent.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 26th. Ultimo read & sign'd.

General Letters read Vizt. General Letters read.

No. 169 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. & the other Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David dated 26th. Ultimo (acquainting Us that the Chesterfield arriv'd there the 24th. & landed Colonel Lawrence who deliver'd them our Letter of the 21st. with the two Chests of Pagodas which turn out right and that the Ship immediately afterwards proceeded on her Voyage. General Letters read from Fort St. David.

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From Bandar-malka.

No. 170 From Mr. John Andrews Resident at Bandarmalanka dated the 16th. Ultimo, enclosing his Monthly Accounts for October & acquainting us that he had omitted to charge the Palmeiras used in the Buildings there last year which he hopes We will excuse being occasioned by the Renters from whom he had them, not bringing in their Accounts. That the Cloth brought in by the Merchants being frequently wet on the roads especially in the Rainy Season, which by reason of their not having a proper Place to dry it in does considerably damage it, he has permitted them to build a Godown & Choultry for that purpose. Cloth on hand L.C.O. 60 Corge 13 Ps. L.C.M. 31. 13 LCF 25 16 (Cor. Ps. Cor. Ps.) In all 118 Corge & 2 Pieces.

Paddy fields & Salt Pans Companys Old Garden. Fort St. David Weighing and Measuring Duty & Beetle & Tobacco Farm to be Let.

This being the day appointed for telling the Cowles for the Paddy Fields and Salt Pans & Companys Old Gardens as likewise those for the Weighing & Measuring Duty & the Beetle & Tobacco Farm at Fort St. David.

An alteration to be made in the Fort St. David Cowle for the Beetle & Tobacco Farm.

It is Agreed that they All be put up on the same Conditions as formerly excepting that for the Beetle & Tobacco Farm, in which as a certain means of raising the Rent, without distressing the Publick it is proposed & unanimously Agreed on that the former Prices of the Beetle Tobacco & Ganjee be rais'd and stipulated the same as in the Madras Cowle which are higher by thirty ℘ Cent, And that the Renter be fully authorized to sell at such Rates.

Order'd that the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be advised thereof & directed to give Publick Notice of it by beat of Tom Tom.

The Board then adjourn'd to the Sea Gate.

At the Sea Gate.

The above Cowles let accordingly.

The abovemention'd Cowles were severally put up at outcry and Lett to the highest Bidders as follows Viz.

Paddy Fields & Salt Pans—Cryed down to Pombavay Vellapah for Nine hundred & fifteen Pagodas (915) ℘ Annum for five years commencing the 12th. Instant.

This was let on the last Cowle for one year for Pagodas 715.

Company's Old Garden—Cryed down to Choliapah for Two hundred & twenty six Pagodas (226) ℘ Annum for five years commencing the 12th. Instant. This was let on the last Cowle for one year for Pagodas 240.

Weighing & Measuring Duty at Fort St. David Cryed down to Cootah for four hundred Pagodas (400) ℘ Annum for five years commencing the 12th. Ultimo.

This was let on the last Cowle for the same Term & the same Sum.

Fort St. David Beetle & Tobacco Farm Cryed down to Irshapah Chitty for Six thousand Eight hundred and forty Pagodas (6840) ℘ Annum for five years commencing the 12th Instant.

This was let on the last Cowle for the same term at Pagodas 3000.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.

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Receiv'd by Pattamar General Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 15 November. 6

Received General Letter from Alexander Wynch Esqr. at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 7th. Ultimo. 7

At a Consultation

Present

George Pigot Esqr. Govern^{r}. President.

Tuesday the 7th.

Henry Powney.	Robert Orme.
——,,——,,——	John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

M^{r}. Perceval *absent Indisposed.*

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 1st. Instant read & sign'd.

The Mayor's Court present two Aldermen agreeable to the Charter & Mr. Andrew Ross selectd Mayor.

This being the first Tuesday in December when by the Charter the Mayors Court is to elect two of their Body & present them to the President & Council who are to choose one of them to be Mayor for the Year ensueing. The said Court having signified by a Message that they are ready to make such Presentation they are introduced and George Mackay Esqr. the present Mayor acquaints the Board that the Mayors Court have chosen Messrs. Andrew Ross & Edward Burman two of the Aldermen who are now presented accordingly. The Mayor and Aldermen then withdrew and the Board proceeding immediately to the Election of one of the Gentlemen presented M^{r}. Andrew Ross is unanimously chosen to be Mayor of Madraspatnam &c^{t}. for the ensueing Year.

Mr. George Stratton elected Sheriff & Coroner.

M^{r}. George Stratton is also chosen & appointed to be Sheriff for the Year ensueing as likewise to the Office of Coroner for the Town of Madraspatnam & districts thereof.

Notice to be given them respectively.

Order'd that the Secretary give Notice to the Mayors Court & new Sheriff respectively of the abovementioned Elections.

General Letters read Viz^{t}.

General Letters read from Vizagapatam,

N°. 171 From M^{r}. John Lewen Smith Provisional Chief &c^{t}. Council at Vizagapatam dated the 15th. Ultimo Enclosing a Packet from the President and Council at Bengal which they received overland from M^{r}. Boddam at Ballasore who is again in Possession of Bulrumgurry Factory to which Place he has informed them the Roads are open & safe and acquainting Us that the Cuddalore Sloop was again surveyed after she was brought into the River and that they have order'd the Repairs reported absolutely necessary for her to be begun. The Particulars of which they enclose a List of, That Captain Baker having applied to be reimbursed some Expences during the Voyage & likewise for an advance of four months Impress, they enclose Copy of his Account & desire our Directions thereon. And that by considerable Advancements to their Merchants & large disbursements on account the Arcot Snow & her Cargo their Cash is reduced very low.

From Fort St. David.

N°. 172 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. at Fort S^{t}. David dated the 7th. Ultimo requesting to have the Allowances as head of that Settlement during M^{r}. Clives Absence as the necessary Expences that Character draws him into are very considerable. Enclosing at the same time a Letter he receivd from M^{r}. Edward Croke on which he grounds his Request as it quotes some Instances of that Gentlemens receiving such Allowances in the absence of former Deputy Governours.

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Mr. Wynch not to have the Deputy Governours Allowances during Mr. Clives Absence as head of the Settlement.

The question being put whether the Deputy Governours Allowances could be stopp'd from Mr. Clive during the absence from the Settlement & given to Mr. Wynch it is after some debate carried by a Majority in the Negative and Agreed that it be left to Mr. Clive who it cannot but be imagined will on his return yield them up of his own Accord.

Fort St. David to be advised of it.

Order'd that a General Letter be wrote to Fort St. David advising of the above Resolution.

A Letter to be wrote to St. David that Orders from the Secret Committee to Coll. Lawrence & Mr. Wynch are to be of the same force as if address'd to the whole Board there.

Agreed that a General Letter be wrote to Fort St. David acquainting the Gentlemen there that all Orders or Instruction that may in future be communicated by the Secret Committee to Stringer Lawrence and Alexander Wynch Esqrs. relating to the safety or Defence of their Garrison are to take place & be of the same force as if they were addressed to the whole Board.

Letter from Captn Schaub.

Letter from Captain Schaub dated the 29th. Ultimo read as entered hereafter Requesting that as the Affair of his Accounts have been referr'd hence We would give him an Acquittance that he may not be prosecuted on that Affair untill Orders are received from the Company Requesting also a Copy of the Letter received from Fort St. David relating to his Accounts that he may have an opportunity of Justifying himself on the Subject of its Contents as well in Europe as to Us.

Order thereon.

Order'd That a Copy of the Report of the Committee of Accounts on the Subject of his Accounts & of the Paragraph of the General Letter to England dated the 21st. Ultimo about them as likewise of the General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 30th. May be sent to him & that a Letter from the Secretary be wrote him at the same time acquainting him that as We have left the Determination on his Conduct to our Honble Masters We do not intend to call on him further on that subject unless fresh Matter of Enquiry shall arise and directing him if he has withheld any of the Company's Allowances from the Gentlemen acting a Voluntiers under him forthwith to pay it to them.

Draft from the Accountant General to be paid.

A Draft is now laid before the Board from the Accountant General of the Mayors Court for two hundred and thirty one Pagodas twenty one fanams & thirty three Cash (231–21–33) payable to Shawmier Sultan on Account Sundry Persons unknown, pursuant to an Order of the said Court dated the 23d Ultimo Ordered that the same be paid accordingly.

Mr. Wynch appointed Upper Searcher at the Sea Gate Mr. Vansittart appointd. under searcher Mr. Stratton appointed Regr. of the Sea Gate & Mr. Brooke stationed under the Impt-Ware Ho.Kr.

The employs of Upper Searcher & of Register of the Sea Gate being both vacant, The first by the Dismission of Mr. Dawsonne Drake, The other by the Death of Mr. John Browning Agreed that Mr. John Walsh at present Under searcher be appointed the Upper Searcher & that Mr. Henry Vansittart succeed him as Under Searcher, And that Mr. George Stratton who is at present under the Import Warehousekeeper be Register at the Sea Gate & Mr. Henry Brooke be station'd under the Import Warehousekeeper in his room.

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Agreed also that Mr. John Whitehill who has lately returned from the Negrais be station'd under the Secretary.

Mr. John Whitehill stationed under the Secretary.

Letter from the Court of Requests dated the 2d. Instant is read as enter'd hereafter, signifying that in pursuance of the Charter they had met that day and balloted in twelve new Commissioners in the Room of those who were out by Rotation.

Letter from the Court of Requests signifying a new Election.

Three Bills for Medicines supplied the Garrisons of Trichinopoly & Carangoly & sent on the Bengal Expedition are now presented for Payment.

Bills for Medicines to be paid.

Order'd that they be paid accordingly the first two by the Commissary & the other by the Paymaster.

The Paymaster lays before the Board a Bill for Diet Money & Allowances due to Mr. John Whitehill as Assistant at the Negrais from 1st. January to 30th. September at Twenty Pagodas ⅌ month & also for a Years Salary as a Writer due to him from 25 September 1755 to 25 September last, amounting in the whole to Pagodas One hundred and ninety two eighteen fanams (192–18) which being presented to him for Payment he desires the Boards directions thereon.

Diet Money & Allowance & some Salary due to Mr. Whitehill while at the Negrais to be paid.

Order'd that the same be discharged.

An Account of Charges in mending and repairing the Boats amounting to Pagodas Seven hundred and sixty two twenty four fanams and ten Cash (762–24–10) is now tendered by John Line the Carpenter for Payment.

Agreed that it be referr'd to Mr. Smith to be examined & reported.

Account Charges of repairing the Boats referr'd to Mr. Smith to examine & Report.

There being some Interest due on the following Bonds, Order'd that it be paid Vizt.

A Years Interest due the 20th. Ultimo on a Bond to the Reverend Father Severini & Mrs. Antonia Medeiros dated the 20th. November 1752 for thirty thousand Rupees deposited in the Honble Companys Cash for the Female Orphans at 6 ⅌ Ct. ⅌ Annum being Eighteen hundred (1800) Rupees. And

1 Years interest due on 30000 Rs. to Padre Severini & Mrs. Mediros to be paid.

A Years Interest due the 3d. Instant on a Bond to Mrs. Antonia de Medeiros dated 3 December 1754 for twenty thousand Pagodas (20000) deposited in the Honble Company, Cash at 8 ⅌ Cent being One thousand Six hundred (1600) Pagodas.

1 Yrs. Interest due on a Bond for 20000 Pagodas to Mrs. Medeiros to be paid.

Charles Bourchier Rental General and Scavinger delivers in as enter'd hereafter the Accounts of that Revenue & Assessment for twelve Months Ending 31st. August 1754. The Ballances remaining due on both Accounts and carried forward are

Rental General & Scavingers Accounts delivered in.

On Account of Quit Rent	Pags.	1069	12	10
On Account of Scavingers Duty ...		220	23	10
Pagodas ...		1289	35	20

Ballances carried forward.

The Bad Debts allowed to be wrote off in the foregoing Accounts are as follows

Bad Debts allowed.

On Account of Quit Rent	Pags.	18	21	—
On Account of Scavingers Duty ...		4	20	—
Pags. ...		23	5	—

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Rent Rolls ending the 31 August 1755 signed.

He also lays before the Board the Rent Rolls for the year ending the 31st. August 1755 which are now signed.

The Amount of the Quit Rent ...	Pags. 1669	33	—
The Amount of the Scavingers Duty.	795	8	—
Pags. ...	2465	5	—

Cash Acct. read.

The President reads the Cash Account for last Month Ballance remaining compared with the Chest One thousand nine hundred and ninety seven Pagodas seventeen fanams and Fifty three Cash, which is carried forward.

Money paid in by the Impt. Ware Ho. Kr.

Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Thirteen thousand (13000) Pagodas on his running Account.

by the Sea Customer.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in One thousand six hundred Pagodas (1600) on that Account.

On Account of Mussolah Boats.

Robert Orme as one of the Committee for managing the Boats pays in Twelve thousand (12000) fanams which are to be carried to the Credit of Mussoolah Boats being the produce of the Regulations made in Consultation the 6th. September last.

Rents paid in.

The following Rents are now paid in Viz.

Of Egmore &ca. Villages.

By Linga Chittee Renter of Egmore &ct. Villages One thousand three hundred Pagodas (1300) for one years Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. September last.

Of Trivitore &ct. Villages.

By Linga Chittee Renter of Trivitore &ct. Villages One thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas being one years Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. September last when it expired.

Of Chingalaput Country.

By Oppajee Nayenar Renter of Chingalaput Country six thousand two hundred and fifty Pagodas (6250) being the remainder of six Months Rent due the 1st. August when the Cowle expired.

Advances made to the Commissary. &

Agreed that an Advance of Eight thousand Pagodas (8000) and Thirty thousand (30,000) Rupees be made out of the Treasury to the Commissary & an Order on the Committee of Treasury for those Sums are now signed.

Nella Chitty &ca. Merchts.

Agreed that three thousand (3000) Pagodas be advanced to Nella Chittee for the Provision of Fine Goods.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Governour & President &ct. Council at
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Honble President having done me the Honour to tell me that the Affair of my Accounts at Pondicherry should be sent to Europe I beg the favour of You, Gentlemen, to give me an Acquittance that I may not be prosecuted on this Affair untill Orders are receiv'd from the Company; I apprehend that since You yourselves Gentlemen have referred the matter to the Honble Court of Directors I may venture to make this Request. It is not that I fear answering any Questions that might be put to me on your part as well as my Memory will

allow me, provided it was on the Spot where I may happen to be but if I were obliged to repair hither as often as ill minded People may carry you Reports to my disadvantage it would be impossible for me to support the Expences so frequent Removals should draw me into, I hope therefore Gentlemen that so far from disapproving my reasons you will favourably grant my Request.

The Letter from the Council or the Committee at Fort St. David which If I'm not mistaken is dated the 25th. of May last, having by what I can observe made a great Impression on you Gentlemen by reason of what appears there against me. I beg of you to allow me a Copy of that Letter that I may justify myself in Europe upon the Subject of its Contents & take such Measures as may appear otherwise necessary to induce you to alter the unfavourable Opinion which you have conceiv'd with regard to me upon this Affair.

I have the Honour to be with Respect

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most humble & most Obedt. Servant

J. H. SCHAUB.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29TH. NOV. 1756.

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CHARLES BOURCHIER SCAVENGER.

Dr.

Date	Particulars			
1755 April 29th.	To Ballances of last Account Current of this date	442	14	70
	To the Amount of the Scavingers Duty from the 1st. of September 1753 to the 31st. August 1754 ..	762	34	—
	Pagodas ..	1205	12	70

Cr.

Date	Particulars						
1755 August 31.	By 12 Months Charges Vizt.—						
	Servants Wages.	325	8	—			
	Feeding Buffaloes	448	15	40			
	Bought new Buffaloes & other incident Charges ..	86	18	20	860	5	60
	By 12 Months Scavingers Allowance				120	—	—
	By the Amount of Scavingers Duty unreceived on Houses and Gardens at present not inhabited or else possess'd by People realy Poor and in no visible Capacity to Pay				4	20	—
					984	25	60
	By Ballance due to be paid out of the moneys to be Collected on the Roll for the year ending 31st. August 1755				220	23	10
	Pagodas ..				1205	12	70

FORT ST. GEORGE 30TH APRIL 1756.

ERRORS EXCEPTED.
℔ CHARLES BOURCHIER.
Scavinger.

CHARLES BOURCHIER RENTAL GENERAL.

DR.

Date	Particulars	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1755 April 29.	To Ballance of last Account Current of this date	465	32	—
	To the Amount of the Rent Roll ending 31st. August 1754 ..	1595	24	—
	Pagodas ..	2061	20	—

CR.

Date	Particulars	Pagodas	Fanams	Cash
1755 August 31.	By Servants Wages for 12 months.	65	12	—
	By Bad Debts on Houses &ct. at present not Inhabited or else Possessed by People realy poor in no visible Capacity to Pay ..	18	21	—
September 1756. 20	By Cash paid into Consultation ..	700	—	—
April 12	By Ditto	208	10	70
		992	7	70
	By Ballance due to be paid out of the money to be Collected on the Roll for the year Ending 31st. Augt. 1755	1069	12	10
	Pagodas ..	2061	20	—

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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

CHAS. BOURCHIER.
Rentl. General.

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THE HON~BLE~ UNITED COMPANYS CASH. DR.

		£.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.						
1	To Ballance brought from last Months Acc^t^.							14722	244273	16	21507	13	16
2	To Current Pagodas received from the Treasury ..							15000	—	—	15000	—	—
6	To Bills of Exchange for the following of this date drawn on the Hon~ble~ Court of Directors at 90 days sight and 7/8 ₱ Pagoda Viz.												
Setts.													
1	To Thomas Godfrey Esqr. value of George Pigot Esqr. in full return for a Chest of Coral Beads DC N°. 11 ₱ Godolphin 1756.	699	8	6	1824	21	26						
1	To Robert Goodere Esqr. value of Henry Powney Esqr.	2000	—	—	5217	14	6						
1	To Robert Wood Esqr. value of Robert Orme Esqr.	2096	1	4	5468	—	—						
1	To Capt^t^. Will: Hutchinson value of Robert Orme Esqr.	59	16	8	156	3	9						
1	To M^r^. Josiah Norris value of M^r^. Josiah Dupre Account the Estate of John Norris	558	4	11	1456	10	50						
1	To M^r^. Luke Medwyn value of M^r^. Charles Smith on Acco^t^. of M^r^. George Dolben ..	50	—	—	130	15	52						
6 Setts.													
	Carried over ..	5463	11	5	14252	28	63	29722	244273	16	36507	13	16

PER CONTRA. CR.

4	By Fort S^t^. David sent thither by Peons overland.	20000	—	—	20000	—	—
6	By Claud Russell Accountant-General of the Mayors Court paid his Draft to the order of Captain Henry Schaub Account the Cause Huber Versus Schaub.	150	—	—	150	—	—
	Carried over ..	20150	—	—	20150	—	—

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The Hoñble United Companys Cash—*cont.* Dr.

		F.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.						
6	Setts. Brought over.	5463	11	5	14252	28	63	29722	244273	16	36507	13	16
1	To Mr. James Cock value of Mr. Alexander Dalrymple on Account of Lieut. Donald Campbell.	40	—	—	104	12	41						
1	To Mrs. Elizabeth Smith value of Capt. Rich : Smith.	50	—	—	130	15	52						
8	Setts amounting to.	£5553	11	5									
—								14485	92	76	14487	20	76
-	To Confiscated Houses recd of Mr. John Smith Paymaster for Rent Collected by him of Mr. Barnewalls House in Choultry Gate Street pursuant to Order of Consultation the 6 Novr.							40	—	—	40	—	—
19	To Bills of Exchange for the following of this date drawn on the Hoñble Court of Directors at 90 days sight & 7/8 ⅌ Pagoda Viz.	F.	S.	D.	P.	F.	C.						
1	To Henry Savage Esqr. value of Henry Powney Esqr.	119	19	10	313	—	61						
1	To Robert Goodere Esqr. value of Henry Powney Esqr.	606	16	3	1582	35	47						
		726	16	1									
								1895	36	28	1896	—	28
—	To Henry Powney Impt. Warehousekeeper recd of him on his running Account as ⅌ Coñs this day ..							12800	7200	—	13000	—	—
—	To Henry Powney Sea Customer recd of him on his running Account							1000			1000	—	—
	Carried over ..							59942	251602	40	66930	34	40

Per Contra—*cont.* Cr.

	Brought over ..	20150	—	—	20150	—	—
21	By Current Pagodas paid into the Treasury ..	30000	—	—	30000	—	—
22	By Ebrahim Ally Cawn paid him the Ballance of an Account Rice sold for him as ⅌ Coñs. 28th. Ultimo	634	3	15	634	3	15
26	By John Smith Paymaster advanced for the Expences of that Employ ..	6200	280800	—	14000	—	—
	Carried over ..	56984	280803	15	64784	3	15

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THE HON~BLE UN~ITED COMPANY'S CASH—*cont.*

							Dr.
	Brought over ..	59942	251602	40	66930	34	40
26	To William Perceval Land Customer received the Ballance of his Account for last Month	186	5926	28	350	22	28
—	To Royal Pundat Renter of the Manamangalum Country rec~d in full for 6 Months Rent due the 31st July last at which time the Cowle expired	7000	—	—	7000	—	—
—	To Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kellava Chittee Renters of the Beetle & Tobacco Farm rec~d one months Rent due the 30th September last ..	200	16800	—	666	24	—
—	To Do. Renters of the Arrack & Wine License rec~d one Months Rent due 20 Septr. last	—	12000	—	333	12	—
	Star or Currt. PAGODAS ..	67328	286328	68	75281	20	68

PER CONTRA—*cont.*

							Cr.
	Brought over ..	56984	280803	15	64784	3	15
26	By John Smith Military Paymaster advanced for the expenses of that employ.	6000	—	—	6000	—	—
—	By Charles Bourchier Military Storekeeper advanced for the Charges of that employ ..	2500	—	—	2500	—	—
—	By Ballance carried to next months Acct. ..	1844	5525	53	1997	17	53
	Star or Currt. Pags. ..	67328	286328	68	75281	20	68

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

₰ GEORGE PIGOT.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
Governour & President &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Agreeable to the directions of his Majesty's Charter We met this day, being the first Thursday in December when the Members who had served two Years were out by Rotation Viz. Messrs. William Aldersey, Peter Mariette, John Worthington Turner & Peter Downes, And in their Place the following Gentlemen were chosen by Ballot Messrs. Edward Edwards, Matthew Clarke, John Whitehill, Claud Russell, Charles Smith, James Hay, Alexander Leigh, Thomas Powney, James Bound, William Maggie, Francis William Massey and James Jones.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient humble Servants

Peter Mariette.
J. W. Turner.
George Pyne.
Alexr. Dalrymple
John Davidson.
John Palmer.
John Max: Stone.
Archdale Palmer.
Edd. Burman.
John Sprat.
Frans. Taylor.

Fort St. George,
the 2d. Decemr. 1756.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day.					8
Received by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated 7th. Inst.					10
Do.	do.	do.	do.	11th. Inst.	14
Do.	Do.	do.	do.	17 Inst.	20

At a Consultation
Present

George Pigot Esqr. Governr. President.

Henry Powney. — Robert Orme.
——,,——,,—— — John Smith.

Charles Bourchier.

Mr. Perceval *absent Indisposed.*

Monday the 20th.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 7th. Instant read & Signed.

General Letters read Vizt.

General Letters read

No. 173 No. 174 & No. 175 From Alexander Wynch Esqr. and the other Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David. The first dated the 7th. Instant Acquainting us that as they are uncertain whether it may be prudent to venture

From Fort St. David.

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their Consultations & Monthly Accounts overland, they have deferr'd sending those for October till they receive our Orders. That they have Two hundred and eighty three Bales (283) of Cloth on hand That their Merchants having requested an Advance as their Ballances are greatly reduced, they desire our Directions whether their Request should be complied with as likewise what shall be done with the One hundred and fifty five Bales of turned out Cloth lying in their Warehouse. The second dated the 11th. Instant Acknowledging the Receit of our Letter of the 8th. and Complaining of the Extraordinary Behaviour of Captain D'Illins regarding which they desire our directions referring Us for the Particulars of Extracts of the Minutes of their Consultations and Copies of Letters from that Gentleman which they enclose as well as a Petition from several of the Inhabitants relating to the Beetle and Tobacco farm and as the Peons at Porto Novo have represented that the Materials belonging to the Companys house there, are much endangered by the ruinous Condition of the Godown they are kept in, desiring our Permission for removing them upon the Change of the Monsoon to Fort St. David. The Third dated the 17th. Instant enclosing a Petition delivered them by many of their Inhabitants relating to the Beetle and Tobacco farm which they recommend to our Consideration as they have Reason to believe that most of their Artificers will leave the Bounds upon the raising the Prices of the Beetle and Tobacco the Hardship being the greater upon them as there is none of that Sort of Beetle there called Cravo which is generally used by the Inhabitants at Madras, but some [*sic*] the same as the St.Thome Beetle, which is three times dearer.

The Petitions from Fort St. David relating to the Encrease in the Price of the Beetle and Tobacco consider'd.

After maturely considering the Subject of the above Petitions The Board are of Opinion that it is unnecessary to take any Notice of the Proposals made by Sadashavarow &ct. as agreeable to the Companys Directions the Cowle has already been publickly let by Outcry to Irshippa Chittee, And with respect to the Complaints of the Inhabitants relating to the Encrease in the retailing Prices of Beetle and Tobacco, as Representations of this Nature are nothing more than have been always usual & may be expected on such Occasions & as at the same time the Hardship appears not to be great & it is the only method the Board can think of to raise the Companys Revenue, it is agreed that no regard be paid to them and a Letter to Fort St. David on this subject is now signed as enter'd in Letters Sent No. 135.

The Gent. at Fort St. David to send up Captn. D'Illins Complaints.

Agreed to write to the Gentlemen at St. David to transmit to Us the Complaints which Captain D'Illens says he has to lay before them, and that they give back the One hundred and fifty five Bales of Turned out Cloth to their Merchants & make them such further Advances as they may think proper.

Bills from the Renters of Terpetty in full of the Septr. Kist.

The President reports from the Secret Committee that he has received Bills on Gocul Terwady from the Renters and Taseldar of Terpetty in full of the September or first Kist of the Present year of Phaseley 1166 Vizt.

1 Bill payable the 6th. January for Pagodas		...	5000 — —
1 do. payable the 3d. do. for Rupees 242½ &		...	150 — —
	Rs. 242½	Pags.	5150 — —

Order'd that the above Sums be received into the Treasury.

Rents paid in Viz. Of Paddy fields & Salt Pans.

Pombavay Vellapah Renter of the Paddy Fields & Salt Pans pays in Three hundred and Fifty seven Pagodas and Eighteen fanams (357–18 –) in full for six months Rent of that farm due the 12th. Instant when the Cowle expired.

Of Beetle & Tobacco.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permaul Kelleva Chittee Renters of the Beetle & Tobacco farm pay in Six hundred and Sixty six Pagodas and twenty four fanams (666–24 –) for one months Rent of that farm due the 1st. November last.

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Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chittee Renter of the Arrack & Wine License pay in Three hundred and thirty three Pagodas and twelve fanams (333–12 –) being one Months Rent due on that Cowle the 1st. of November last. Of Arrack & Wine Licence.

Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah and Permaul Kelleva Chittee Renters of the Weighing and Measuring Duty pay in One hundred and sixty six Pagodas and twenty four fanams (166–24 –) for two Months Rent of that farm due 1st. November last. Of Weighing & Measuring Duty.

Agreed that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt. Advances out of Cash.

To the Paymaster four thousand (4000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. To the Paymaster.

To Linga Chittee &ct. Merchants Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas on Account the Investment And To Linga Chittee &ct. Merchants.

To Tellisinga Chittee &ct. Merchants fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas also on Account the Investment. To Tellisinga Chittee &ct. Merchants.

The Military Storekeeper being much in want of an able Assistant & there being none of the Covenant Servants who can be spared from their present Stations, Agreed that Mr. William Magee who came out last Season with the Companys License be entertained as a Monthly Writer and assist under that Employ. Mr. William Magee entertained a Monthly Writer under the Military Storekeeper.

This being the day appointed by the Charter for the Mayor and Sheriff annually elected to enter on their respective Offices and a Message being now brought that they are ready to take the Oaths they are introduced with the other Officers and Members of the Mayors Court and the Oaths of Allegiance & Office are first administered by the President to Andrew Ross Esqr. who was chosen Mayor the 7th. Instant & then to George Stratton Esqr. who was elected at the same time Sheriff both for the year ensueing. The Mayor & Sheriff for the Year ensuing Sworn.

George Pigot.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
John Smith.
Chs. Bourchier.

Sent by Tappies General Letter to Fort St. David dated this day. 23
Received by do. do. from do. dated 20th. Instant. —
do. by do. do. from Ingeram dated 3d. Instant. 24
do. by do. do. from Fort St. David Dated 21st. Instant. —
do. by do. do. from Captain Lewis D'Illins at Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant. 25
do. by Tappies General Letter from Fort St. David dated the 3d. Inst.
do. by do. do. from DeveCotah dated 21st. Instant.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

TUESDAY THE 28TH.

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNOUR PRESIDENT.

HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.

CHARLES BOURCHIER.

The Book of Standing Orders lying on the Table.

The Minutes of last Consultation dated the 20th. Instant read & Signed.

General Letters read from

General Letters read Vizt.

Fort St. David.

No. 176 No. 178 & No. 179 from Alexander Wynch Esqr. and the other Gentlemen of Council at Fort St. David. The first dated the 20th. Instant, acquainting us that the Merchants' having brought in more than their Ballances & represented that without an Advance they should be under the necessity of writing to their Agents in the Country to stop their hands, upon that Consideration they had advanced them three thousand Pagodas each untill they should receive Our Orders. The second dated the 21st. Instant, advising having drawn a Sett of Bills of Exchange on Us for Pagodas One thousand three hundred (1300) in favour of Mr. Henry Powney, for so much paid into the Cash there by Alexander Wynch Esqr. The third dated the 23d. Instant Enclosing such part of Captain D'Illens Complaints as he has deliver'd in, and acquainting Us that that Gentlemen has told them that it would be two Months before he could finish them but that Copy of such part as he had sent to Us himself. That they hope we will Communicate to them whatever they contain more than that he has deliver'd to them. That Captain D'Illins having insinuated that they had no inclination to receive any more of his Complaints they had wrote him that whatever he should deliver in should be faithfully recorded.

General Letters read

From Ingeram.

No. 177 From Foss Westcott Esqr. Resident at Ingeram dated the 3d. Instant Enclosing his Monthly Papers for November and acquainting Us that upon receiving our Orders for Accommodating any of the Inhabitants of Calcutta that should come his way he had repair'd the Factory House at Suncrapollam the charge of which amounts to Pagodas Sixty four, seventeen fanams and seventy six Cash (64–17–76). That the Repairs he has made are no more than was immediately necessary to make it habitable, but that the Buildings in General and the Walls surrounding that Factory are daily mouldering away and much in want of Repairs, that the Expence of them will amount to Pagodas Three hundred (300) & he should be glad to have our Orders for their being set about as well as for repairing the house where he at present resides himself which having receiv'd considerable Damage by the late violent Rains he is apprehensive one of its sides will fall out which may be prevented by repairing it in time the Expence of which will amount to Fifty Pagodas.

From Captn. Lewis D'Illins at Fort St. David.

No. 180 From Captain Lewis D'Illens at Fort St. David dated the 21st. Instant, Acquainting us that the Good of the Service has prompted him to begin some Proceedings against some Gentlemen there whose behaviour he thought prejudicial to the Companys Interest. That he now encloses Copies of what he charges them with and That as soon as his health will permit he shall lay before Us some more irregularities.

From Deve Cotah.

No. 181 From Mr. James Bourchier Chief of DeveCotah dated the 21st. Instant acquainting Us that by the confused Method the Accounts of that Settlement have been hitherto kept, it is impossible for him to come at any certain Knowledge of the value of the Stores that have been received there,

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General Letters read.

That he therefore enclosed the Account of Quick Stock to the 30th. April last in Order to have the prices of the different Articles ascertain'd that he may compose a regular Set of Books. That being in want of Stationary he desires We will comply with an Indent he encloses.

Resolution on Capt. D'Illens Charges agt. Mr. Fairfield &ct.

The Board having taken into Consideration the Complaints made by Captain D'Illens come to the following Resolutions Vizt.

That the Gentlemen at Fort St. David be directed to enquire in the Strictest Manner into the Conduct of Mr. Richard Fairfield their Military Storehouse-keeper and transmit to Us the Result of such Enquiry and that they be directed to make Enquiry into what Captain D'Illens alledges against Istris Copudy Conicoply to the Civil and Military Paymaster, as also against Trevengodum Conicopoly of the Artificers & Cooleys.

But the Board are of Opinion that the Charges against Mr. Call the Engineer, and Captain Gardner are so ill grounded and improper that Captain D'Illens deserves a Reprimand from them for presuming to call in Question the Capacity & Abilities of two Officers the Board have thought proper to entrust in their several Employs. Agreed therefore to acquaint the Gentlemen at Fort St. David with these our Sentiments and to direct them at the same time to acquaint Captain D'Illens that notwithstanding We are obliged to him for the Information he has lodged, he has gone too far in offering to appoint who shall be Judges of the Misdemeanors he has mentioned, this Board reserving to themselves only the Liberty of bringing Persons to their Trials, makes it necessary that Information only should be laid before them.

Bill from Fort St. David to be paid.

Order'd that the Bill from Fort St. David in favour of Mr. Henry Powney be paid And

The value of the Deve Cotah Quick Stock to be ascertain'd by the Accomptant.

That the Account of Quick Stock sent from Deve Cotah be referr'd to the Accomptant to ascertain the value of the different Articles in it conformable to the Books of the Presidency.

Ingeram to be wrote.

Agreed to write to Mr. Westcott at Ingeram that this is not a proper time to set about the Repairs at Suncrapollam Factory which he proposes But that he has our Permission to pull down & rebuild the Wall of the house at Nellipillee which he is apprehensive is in danger of falling in, should he find it impracticable to support it by Buttresses.

Mr. Andrew Munro appointed Physician at this Settlement & Mr. Wilson to be called up to the Presidency to assist Mr. Turing as Surgeon.

The President informs the Board that Mr. Andrew Munro had been to acquaint him that his Age and great Infirmities had render'd him quite unable to go thro' the Fatigue of the Surgeons employ. That being desirous of giving all the Assistance in his Power, He often went abroad when he was more indisposed than many of his Patients, and that he found himself so little able to do the duty necessary at the Hospital that he was obliged for the good of the People to make known his Infirmities. The President adds, that upon Mr. Munro's leaving him he had thoughts of writing for Mr. Wilson who is the next Surgeon and now at Trichinopoly to come hither to supply his Place, to give Mr. Munro Liberty to retire from all Business and to continue to him his Salary. But considering afterwards the great Merit of this Gentleman, the many Obligations the Inhabitants owe to him, and the great Opinion most of the Gentlemen in the Settlement have of his Abilities, He thought something more should be done for him as a Reward for his past Services, and that the Town should not be deprived of the Advice of so able a Man. He proposes & requests of the Board that they will call up one of the other Surgeons to assist Mr. Turing in the Hospital and that Mr. Munro may be appointed the Companys Physician

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at this Settlement, and that Orders be given to all the other Surgeons to regard him as such to attend whomsoever he may direct & to administer whatever he may prescribe And that the Company may be address'd On this subject Requesting their Confirmation hereof and a suitable Addition to his Salary. All which the Board unanimously agree to being sensible of Mr. Munro's Merit and that his past Services justly entitle him to the Company's Favour. And the President is desired to write to Mr. James Wilson at Trichinopoly who is the next Surgeon by the Companys Regulations immediately to come up to the Presidency to assist Mr. Turing, and in his Room to send any other of the Gentlemen entertain'd in the Service in that Capacity whom he shall think proper.

Mayors Court desire an Advance.

Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court dated the 20th. Instant read as enter'd hereafter, desiring an Advance of Five hundred Pagodas to defray the Charges of that Corporation.

Granted.

ORDER'D that the same be paid.

Fines levi'd by the Mayors Court in the Year 1756 paid into Cash.

Another Letter from the Register of the Mayors Court dated the 24 Instant is read as Enter'd hereafter accompanying a list of fines paid into Court this Year the Amount of which being Thirty three Pagodas forty one fanams and twenty Cash they desire may be paid into the Hon̄ble Company's Cash.

ORDERED that the same be receiv'd accordingly.

The Materials of a Godown &ct belongs. to Mr Munro pull'd down by the Engineer Order'd to be paid for.

Two Shedds and a Terrass Godown belonging to Mr. Munro and adjoining to his house under the South Curtain having been lately pulled down upon the Engineers representing them incommodious, and the Materials converted to the Company's Use at Bill for the same attested by the Head Bricklayer amounting to One hundred and thirty one Pagodas (131) is now laid before the Board & Ordered to be discharged by the Paymaster.

An Account of the debts due to Mr. Hopkins in the Chially Country deliver'd in.

The President acquaints the Board that Mootiah & Comrapah Conicoplies agreeable to the Order pass'd in Consultation the 14th. August last have settled their Accounts with Mr. Hopkins and at the same time he delivers in an Account as Enter'd hereafter by which it appears that the Amount of the Debts due to Mr. Hopkins in the Chially & other Countries in the King of Tanjores Dominions is upwards of Five thousand five hundred Pagodas.

The Chief of Deve Cotah ordd. to assist Mr. Hopkins in recovering them & to receive out of the Amount Mr. Hopkins debt to the Company.

AGREED that a Copy of the above Account be sent to Mr. James Bourchier Chief at DeveCotah who has already had our directions to assist Mr. Hopkins in collecting his Debts in those Countries and that he be further directed to receive into the Companies Cash as soon as he has recover'd any part of them, the sum of Pagodas Two thousand five hundred and eleven Pagodas, nine fanams and sixteen Cash (2511–9–16) on Account of Mr. Hopkins Debt to the Company.

9 Months freight of the Ship George to be paid.

The Owners of the Ship George which was freighted in March last to lye as a Guard Ship at the Negrais applying for Nine months Freight which became due the 23d. Instant amounting to Two thousand seven hundred Pagodas (2700) ORDER'D that the same be paid accordingly.

Batta paid in by the Cashkeeper gain'd by the Exchange of fanams this Month.

The President as Cashkeeper pays in Sixty thousand (60,000) fanams amounting at the rate of thirty six fanams ⅌ Pagoda to One thousand Six hundred and sixty six Pagodas and twenty four fanams (1666–24 –) being the difference of Batta on the Exchange of Fifteen thousand Pagodas into fanams this Month at forty fanams ⅌ Pagoda and brought to Account at thirty six fanams ⅌ Pagoda.

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Henry Powney Import Warehousekeeper pays in Eleven thousand seven hundred and fifty Pagodas (11750) on his running Account. Money paid into Cash By the Impt. W.H^o^Kr.

Henry Powney Sea Customer pays in five thousand (5000) Pagodas. Sea Customer.

William Perceval Land Customer pays in One hundred and forty five Pagodas seventeen fanams and seventy Cash (145–17–70) being the Ballance of his Account for November. Land Customer.

Pery Woodundy Renter of the Company's Old Garden pays in One hundred and twenty Pagodas being one half years Rent due on that Cowle the 11th. Instant. Rent Compys. old Garden.

AGREED that two thousand Pagodas (2000) and thirty thousand Arcot Rupees (30,000) be advanced the Commissary for the Charges of the Troops abroad, and an order on the Treasury is now signed for the same. Advance to the Commissary.

AGREED that the following Advances be made out of Cash Vizt. Advances out of Cash

To the Paymaster fourteen thousand (14000) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. To the Paymaster.

To the Military Paymaster Six thousand and fifty (6050) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. To the Military Paymaster.

To the Military Storekeeper Fifteen hundred (1500) Pagodas for the Charges of that Employ. AND To the Military Storekr.

To Tonnapah &ct. Painters ten thousand (10,000) Pagodas. To Tonnapah &ct.

AGREED also that the following Advances be made on Account the Investment Vizt. Advances account the Investment.

To Linga Chittee &ct. Merchants thirteen thousand (13000) Pagodas for the Provision of Fine Goods. To Linga Chittee &ct.

To Gundavedy Vencata Ramah &ct. Merchants Fifteen thousand (15000) Pagodas for the Provision of Coarse Goods. To Nella Chittee &ca.

To Tellisinga Chittee Six thousand five hundred (6500) Pagodas for the Provision of fine Goods. To Tellisinga Chittee.

AGREED that the Board meet on Friday next at the Import Warehouse to examine the Condition of the Goods in it, in consequence of the Resolution of Consultation the 6th. Ultimo. The Board to meet at the Impt. Warehouse the 31st. to examine the Condition of the Goods.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

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To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council.
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am directed by the Honble the Mayors Court to draw upon your Honour &ct. for the Sum of Five hundred Pagodas to defray the necessary Charges attending that Corporation. I am with Respect

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Daniel Morse,
Regr.

Fort St. George,
20 Decr. 1756.

To the Honble George Pigot Esqr.
President & Governour &ct. Council
of Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

I am Order'd by the Honble the Mayors Court to transmit your Honour &ct. a List of the several fines which have been paid into the said Court this Year, as also to pay the amount thereof being Pagodas 33–41–20 into your hands, on Account of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

I am with Respect
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
Daniel Morse,
Regr.

Fort St George,
Decr. 24th. 1756.

Account of Fines paid into the Honble the Mayors Court at Madraspatnam.

1756						
August	24	On Mr. John Maxwell Stone Attorney	P. 5	—	—	
Septr.	14	On William Walle Serjeant	3	—	—	
Novr.	16	On Mr. John Passwater Attorney	5	—	—	
		Amount of fines levied by Mr. George Mackay Clerk of the Market as ℘ List enter'd on the Minutes on Decr. 20. 1755	14	30	40	
		Amount of fines levied by Mr. John Walsh Clerk of the Market paid in Septr. 28. 1756	2	40	—	
		Amount of fines levied by Mr. John Smith Clerk of the Market paid in December 24th. 1756	3	12	60	
		Pagodas ..	33	41	20	[*sic*]

Daniel Morse,
Regr.

December 24th. 1756.

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Receiv'd by Peons General Letter from Bandarmalanka dated 16th. Instant. 20

Rec'd by Tappies General Letter from Alexander Wynch Esqr. at Fort St. David dated the 26th. Instant. 30

AT THE IMPORT WAREHOUSE

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. GOVERNR. PRESIDENT

HENRY POWNEY. ROBERT ORME.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL. JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

FRIDAY THE 31ST.

The Board being met at the Warehouse agreeable to the Resolution of last Consultation they proceeded to examining the Condition of the Goods, and tho' no Care seem'd to have been wanting in the Warehousekeeper to keep the Godowns in proper Order, Yet of twenty one Bales of Broad Cloth and Perpetuanoes which were then open'd, A considerable Part as well as of the Remnants in the Warehouse was found much damaged by a small Worm that breeds in all Woollen Goods a particular Account of which is entered hereafter. A further Inspection being therefore thought highly necessary, The Board AGREED to have another Meeting at the Warehouse but in the mean time that the Particulars they already found damaged, shall be Put up at Outcry the 7th. of next Month and sold for one Months Trust.

The Board meet in the Warehouse. Twentyone Bales open'd & part found damaged by a small Worm which is order'd to be sold at Outcry. The Board to make further Inspection.

GEORGE PIGOT.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHS. BOURCHIER.

LIST OF THE HONBLE COMPANY'S REVENUES AT FORT ST. GEORGE.

BEETLE AND TOBACCO FARM. This Farm let to Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permall Kelleva Chittee for five Years Commencing the 1st. March 1752 and Ending 28 Febry 1757 at Monthly Payments	8000	—	—
ARRACK & WINE LICENSE. This Farm let to Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee for five Years Commencing the 1st. March 1752 and Ending 28th. Febry. at Monthly Payments	4000	—	—
MEASURING DUTY. This Farm let to Pitloor Vencaty Kistna & Permaul Kelleva Chittee for five years Commencing 1st. March 1752 and Ending 28th. Febry. 1757 at half-yearly Payments	1000	—	—
TOWN BROKERAGE. This Farm let to Pitloor Vencaty Kistnah & Permaul Kelleva Chittee for five Years Commencing the 1st. March 1752 and Ending 28 Febry. 1757 at half-yearly Payments	700	—	—
BANKSALL DUTY. This Farm let to Mootiah for five Years Commencing the 1st. June 1752 and ending 31st. May 1757 at half-yearly Payments	400	—	—
Carried over ..	14100	—	—

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Brought over ..				14100	—	—
ST. THOME. This Farm let to Guntoor Vencatachilum for one Year Commencing the 1st. June 1756 and Ending 31st. May 1757 at half-Yearly Payments				4100	—	—
POONEMALEE COUNTRY AND JAGUIER. This Farm let to Numboor Vencata Soubiah for one Year Commencing the 1st. July 1756 Ending the 30th. June 1757 at half-yearly Payments				51650	—	—
RUBY BROKERAGE. This Farm let to Linga Chittee for one Year Commencing the 1st. July 1756 and Ending 30th. June 1757 at half-yearly Payments				465	—	—
TRIVITORE &CT. VILLAGES. This Farm let to Vencata Ramah for five Years Commencing the 1st. September & Ending 31 August 1761 at yearly Payments				2220	—	—
EGMORE &CT. VILLAGES. This Farm let to Vencata Ramah for five Years Commencing the 1st. September 1756 and Ending 31st. August 1761 at Yearly Payments				1600	—	—
PEREMBORE &ct. VILLAGES. This Farm let to Vencata Ramah for five Years Commencing the 1st. September 1756 and Ending the 31st. August 1761 at yearly Payments				1550	—	—
PADDY FIELDSS & SALT PANS. This Farm let to Poombavay Vellapah for five years Commencing the 12th. December 1756 and Ending the 11th. December 1761 at half-yearly Payments				915	—	—
COMPANYS OLD GARDEN. This Farm let to Pery Woodundy for five years commencing 12 December 1756 Ending 11 December 1761 at half-yearly Payments				226	—	—
FIXED REVENUES PAGODAS ..				76826	—	—
VARIABLE REVENUES.						
MINT CUSTOMS from 1st. May 1755 to Ultimo April 1756	1927	35	6	....		
SEA CUSTOMS	34365	21	7	....		
LAND CUSTOMS	6019	10	67	....		
TOWN CONICOPLY'S DUTY	480	30	70	....		
Quit Rent the Amount of the Assessment.	2465	5	—	....		
				45258	30	70
The following countries mortgaged by the Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn to the Company towards the Discharge of his Debt are let as under Vizt.						
CHINGALAPUT. This Country is let to Oppajee Nayenar for two Years Commencing 1st. August 1756 Ending 31st July 1758	28500	—	—	....		
COVELONG. This Country is let to Pushponatha Nayenar for One Year Commencing 1st. August 1756 Ending 31st. July 1757	8000	—	—			
Carried over pagodas ..	36500	—	—	122084	30	70

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Brought over pagodas ..	36500	—	—	122084	30	70
MANNAMANGALUM. This Country is let to Mahomet Ayar Cawn for One Year Commencing 1st. August 1756 Ending the 31st. July 1757	19000	—	—	....		
SEVEN MAGANS OF THE TRIPOSSORE COUNTRY. This Country is let to Mahomet Ayar Cawn for one Year Commencing 1st. August 1756 Ending 31st. July 1757.	14000	—	—			
				69500	—	—
Total Pagodas ..				191584	30	70

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List of Inhabitants at Fort St. George not in the Honourable Companys Service Anno 1756.

Men.	Time of Arrival.	Ships they came out on.	Whether with or Without Comps. License.	Ye Married Women.	Widows.
Nicholas Morse	29 July 1753.	Elizabeth.	Free Merchant	Jane Morse	Hannah Greenhaugh
George Mackay	August 1738.	Duke of Cumberland.	D°.	Ann Bourchier	Mary Powney.
William Roberts	6th July 1750.	Lynn.	D°.	Emilia Van Sittart.	Phœbe Graham.
Andrew Ross	17th June 1752.	Colchester.	D°.	Ann Innis	Antonia de Medeiros.
Francis Barnewall	17th August 1754.	Norfolk.	D°.	Amilia Smith	Ann Walton.
William Belsches	17th August 1750.	London.	D°.	Frances Rumbold.	Grace Maunsell.
John Worthington Turner.	7 July 1754.	York.	D°.	Elizabeth Lamb	Mary Northleigh.
Peter Mariette	7 July 1754.	York.	D°.	Mary Munro	Frances Coales.
Walter Stevens	9th May 1756.	Delawar.	....	Mary Turing.	....
Wil iam Magee	4 July 1756.	Stormont.	....	Sarah Mackay.	....
Solomon Salomons	29 July 1739.	Grantham.		Catherine De la Mettrie.	
Solomon Franco	30 Septr. 1743.	Princess of Wales to Bbay.		Leonora Jackson.	
Ephraim Isaac	11 Decemr. 1745.	Kent.	....	Henriette Edwards.	....
Samuel Moses	26 Septr. 1746.	Marlbro' to Bengal.	....	Ann Demare	....
Joseph Moses	1st July 1755.	Eastcourt.	....	....	....
David Lopes Fernandes	4 July 1749.	Britannia.	....	....	....
Samuel de Castro	4 July 1749.	Britannia.	....	....	....
Edward Burman	14 July 1736.	Grantham.	With the Companys License.	....	....
Peter Downes	5 Octr. 1750.	Benjamin to Bengal.	D°.	....	....
Ralph Taylor	12 June 1750.	Hardwicke.	D°.	....	....

LIST OF INHABITANTS AT FORT ST. GEORGE NOT IN THE HONOURABLE COMPANY'S SERVICE ANNO 1756—*cont.*

Men.	Time of Arrival.	Ships they came out on.	Whether with or Without Ye Comps Licence.	Unmarried Women,	Children.
Thomas Savage	24 Sept. 1740	Durrington	Without the Companys License.		
Quintin Dela Mettrie	Via Pondicherry 1754.		D°.		
Matthew Lynch	1749	At Manilha.	D°.		
George Smith	15 May 1754.	St George.	D°.		
Robert Jackson			D°.		
William Ormiston			D°.	Honaria Somereville.	Henry Van Sittart
Thomas Powney	12 June 1750.	Hardwicke.	With the Companys License.	Ann Sommerville	Van Sittart.
William Powney	10 August 1755.	Duke of Dorset.	Free Merchant	Ann Martha Bellamy.	Hugh John Munro.
Edward Bibb			Without the Companys License.	Frances Dela Mettrie.	John Thomas Beaver.
Francis Taylor	1747	Tryal Sloop to Bengal.	Captain of that Vessell	Catherine Dela Mettrie.	William Smith
John De Morgan	11 July 1710.	Bouvery.	In the Military Service	Jane Morgan	Vincent De la Mettrie.
Peter Eckman	August 1706.	Phoenix.	D°.	Sarah Humpson	Margeret Aurora Munro.
John Standard	31st. December 1716.	Sarum to Bombay.	By Gov. Boones Permission.	..	Grace Mary Demarre.
John Sprat	1748	Winchelsea.	Surgeon of that Ship when Stranded at St. David.	..	Ann Innis.
Herbert Sutherland	1749	Tartar Man of War.	Discharged from that ship & now in the Country Service.	..	Johanna De la Mettrie.
Thomas Duffield	June 1748	Edgecote.	In the Royal Train under Major Goodere and now a Publican.	..	....
John Lyne	8th July 1752.	Admiral Vernon.	Without the Companys License Now Companys Carpenter.	..	....

List of Inhabitants at Fort St, George not in the Honourable Company's Service Anno 1756—*cont.*

Men.		Time of Arrival.	Ships they came out on.	Whether with or Without Comps License.	Unmarried Women.	Children.
Christopher Macklin	..	16th April 1746.	Princes Mary.	Taken Prisoner by the French left in India & now Mastr. Bricklayer on the Cos. Works.	..	....
Richard Stanton ..	..	7 Febry. 1746.	Medway Man of War.	Taken Prisoner in the Expedition Prize.	..	....
Samuel Troutback	..	14 Novr. 1719.	King George.	Shipwrecked near Sadrass & has been in the Country Service.	..	....
Hendrick Smith ..	..	7 Febry. 1741.	Cæsar.	Discharged from the Military Service.	..	....
Hamilton Parkinson	..			In .he Country Service ..	..	....
John De Roos ..	..			Employed in making the Compys. Gun Powder.		
The Revd. {Mr. Fabricius. Mr. Breithaupt.}		..	....	Danish Missionaries ..	..	....

Fort St. George, 31 December 1756.

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Secry.

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LIST OF THE HON^{BLE} COMPANY'S COVENANT SERVANTS ON THE COAST OF CHOROMANDEL 1756.

Persons Names.	Time of Arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at Arrival.	Salary at Arrival.	Prest. Station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employment.	Salary.	Gratuity.	Age.
								£	£	
George Pigot Esqr.	26 July 1737.	..	Writer ..	£ 5	Governour ..	Fort S^{t}. George.	President of the Council, Cash Keeper & Mint Master.	200	100	37
Robert Clive ..	..	..	..	..	2^{d}. of Council.	Fort S^{t}. David.	Deputy Governour. At present on the Bengal Expedition.	100	..	32
....	..	..	Major	..	3^{d}. of d^{o}.	Vacant ..	....	250	..	..
Henry Powney ..	7 August 1736.	..	Writer ..	5	4th. of d^{o}.	Fort S^{t}. George.	Import Warehouse K^{r}. and Sea Customer.	50	..	39
Charles Boddam.	13 March 1737.	..	D^{o}. ..	5	5th. of d^{o}.	D^{o}.	Remains at Vizagapatam in a private Capacity till Janry. with leave.	40	..	39
Robert Orme ..	12 Septr. 1754.	..	7th. of Council.	40	6th. of d^{o}.	Fort S^{t}. George.	Exp^{t}. Ware H^{o}. K^{r}. Accompt^{t}. & Commissary to keep y^{e}. Acc^{ts}. with the Nabob.	40	..	30
Foss Westcott ..	4 Febry. 1747.	..	Writer Entert^{d}.	5	7th. of d^{o}.	Ingeram ..	Resident	40	..	34
Alexander Wynch.	15 Augt. 1740.	..	D^{o}. d^{o}.	5	8th. of d^{o}.	Fort S^{t}. David.	Import & Exp^{t}. Ware H^{o}. K^{r}. and Accomptant.	40	..	35
William Perceval.	18 Janry. 1745/6.	..	Factor d^{o}.	15	9th. of d^{o}.	Fort S^{t}. George.	Land Customer	40	..	51
John Smith ..	15 August 1740.	..	Writer d^{o}.	5	10th. of d^{o}.	D^{o}.	Paymaster & Military Paym^{r}. & Storekeeper.	40	..	32
Charles Bourchier.	30 Decem^{r}. 1741.	..	D^{o}.	5	11th. of d^{o}.	D^{o}.	Military Storekeeper & Rental General & Scavinger.	40	..	28
Edward Croke ..	18 Janry. 1708.	..	D^{o}.	5	..	Fort S^{t}. David.	Superannuated	..	200	64
John Walsh ..	20 June 1743.	..	D^{o}.	5	Senior Merch^{t}.	Fort S^{t}. George.	Upper Searcher of the Sea Gate At pres^{t}. on the Bengal Expedition as Paymaster.	40	..	30
John Andrews ..	20 June 1743.	..	D^{o}. Entert^{d}.	5	D^{o}.	Bandarmalanka.	Resident	40	..	42
John Pybus ..	28 June 1743.	..	D^{o}.	5	D^{o}.	Fort S^{t}. George.	At present Deputy Governour of Fort Marlbro'.	40	..	29

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List of the Honble Companys Covenant Servants on the coast of Choromandel, 1756—*cont.*

Persons Names.	Time of Arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at Arrival.	Salary at Arrival.	Prest. Station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employment.	Salary.	Gratuity.	Age.
Hugh Norris ..	1 Decemr. 1744.	..	Writer Entertd.	5	Senior Mercht.	Fort St. David.	Paymaster	40	..	28
Henry Vansittart.	5 Novr. 1746.		Do.	5	Junr. Mercht.	Fort St. George.	Secry to the Secret Committee Translator & Under search of the Sea Gate.	30	..	24
Richard Fairfield.	8 Octr. 1746.	8 Octr. 1746.	Do.	5	Do.	Fort St David	StoreKr. Military StoreKr. & Secretary there.	30	..	26
Samuel Ardley ..	28 April 1749.	28 April 1749.	Factor ..	15	Do.	Fort St. George.	Under the Land Customer & Register of the Choultry.	30	..	30
Robert Sloper ..	8 Septr. 1749.	8 Septr 1749.	Factor Entertd	15	do. ..	Fort St. David.	Sea & land Customer of Cuddalore.	30		53
Edward Edwards.	8 Septr. 1749.		do.	15	do. ..	Fort St. George.	Assaymaster	30	80	31
Charles Turner ..	14 Febry. 1747.	8 Octr 1746.	Writer ..	5	do. ..	Fort St. David.	Sea & Land Customer of Tevenepatam & Military Paymr.	30		24
Charles Hopkins.	1 Janry. 1750.	1st Janry. 1750.	Factor Entertd	15	do. ..	Fort St. George.		30		50
Thomas Heath.	8 June 1748.	8th June 1748.	Writer ..	5	do. ..	Vizagapatam ..		30		28
Josias Du Pre ..	10 June 1752.		Factor ..	15	Factor ..	Fort St. George.	Secretary Sollicitor & Clerk of the Peace.	15	145	35
James Alexander.	8 July 1752.		do. ..	15	do. ..	do.	Sub Accomptt. & Book Keeper of Deposites of the Mayrs. Court.	15	120	26
John Smith ..	10 August 1752.	10 June 1752.	do. ..	15	do. ..	do.	Under Paymaster	15		47
John Lewin Smith.	10 August 1752.		do. ..	15	do. ..	Vizagapatam ..	Provisional Chief	15		30
Andrew Newton.	17 June 1752.		do. ..	15	do. ..	Fort St. David.		15		28
Daniel Morse ..	20 July 1752.		do. ..	15	do. ..	Fort St. George.	Register of the Mayors Court.	15	20	32
John Call ..		1 Janry 1751.	Factor Entertd	5	do. ..	Fort St. David.	Under the Engineer-Gratuity 30 Pags. ₽ Month.	15	144	24

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Charles Simpson.	27 May 1751.		Writer ..	5	Factor ..	Fort St. George.	Under orders for Fort St. David.	15		
George Stratton..	17 June 1751.		d°.	5	d°. ..	d°.	Register of the Sea Gate & Clerk of the Court of Requests.	15	£ 19	
Philip Francis Greenslate.	27 May 1751.	7 May 1751.	d°.	5	d°. ..	d°.	Under Orders for the West Coast.	15		21
George Dawson ..	7 July 1751.		d°.	5	d°. ..	Fort St. David.	Under the Paymaster	15		23
Marmaduke Best.	7 July 1751.		d°.	5	d°. ..	Vizagapatam ..	3d of Council	15		24
Matthew Clarke.	7 July 1751.		d°.	5	d°. ..	Fort St. George.	Under the Committee of Treasury.	15		22
James Bourchier.	12 June 1751.		Writer Entertd	5	d°. ..	DeveCotah ..	Chief	15		24
Henry Brooke ..	9 August 1751.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. George.	Under the Import Ware House-keeper.	15		28
John Carey ..	9 August 1751.	12 June 1751.	d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. David.	Under the Accomptant there ..	15		23
John Calland ..	7 July 1751.		do. ..	5	d°. ..	Ingeram ..	Assistant	15	..	21
Thomas Maunsell.	9 August 1751.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. George.	Commissary on the Bengal Expedition.	15	..	22
Richard Brickenden.	12 June 1752.		d°. ..	5	Writer ..	DeveCotah ..	Assistant	5	..	23
John Whitehill ..	3d August 1752.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort S . George.	Under the Secretary	5	..	21
Claud Russell ..	17 June 1752.	12 June 1752.	d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. George.	Deputy Secretary & Accompt. General of the Mayors Court.	5	20	23
George Dolben ..	12 June 1752.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Bandarmalka..	Assistant	5	..	21
John Perceval ..	3 August 1752.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..		Lieutenant	5	..	21
Thomas Rumbold.	12 June 1752.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..		Lieutenant and Quarter Master.	5	..	21
George Pyne ..	24 July 1753.		d . ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. George.	Under the Secretary	5	..	24
Charles Smith ..	11 July 1753.	11th May 1753.	d°. ..	5	d°. ..	d°.	d	5	..	21
Alexander Dalrymple.	11 May 1753.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	d°.	Under the Assay Master & Clerk to the Committee of Accounts.	5	..	19
John Davidson	9 June 1753.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	d°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5	..	23

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Persons Names.	Time of Arrival.	Commencement of Rank.	Station at Arrival.	Salary at Arrival.	Prest Station.	Present Establishment.	Present Employment.	Salary.	Gratuity.	Age.
Samuel Johnson	8 July 1754		Writer	.. 5	Writer	.. Fort St. George.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee	5	..	21
James Macarmick.	17 August 1754.	8th. June 1754.	d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Accomptant ..	5	..	31
William Aldersey.	8 June 1754.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5	..	20
Robert Dowsett .	7 July 1754.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under d .	5	..	19
John Palmer ..	9 June 1755.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary	5	..	27
Thomas Kelsall..	d°.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. Fort S . David.		5	..	20
Charles Floyer ..	d .		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. Fort St. George.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5	..	19
William Barker..	d°.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Accomptant ..	5	..	18
Edward Raddore.	d°.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. Fort St. David..	Under D°.	5	..	20
Richard Cooke	9 June 1755.	9th. June 1755.	d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. Fort St. David	Under the Secretary	5	..	20
John Maxwell Stone ..	9 June 1755.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. Fort St. George	Under the Storekeeper	5	..	22
Archdale Palmer	9 June 1755.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Accomptant ..	5	..	23
Abraham Browne	9 June 1755.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	... d°.	Under the Export Warehouse-keeper.	5	..	21
John Douglas ..	10 August 1755.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5	..	19
James Hay ..	10 August 1756.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Export Warehouse-keeper.	5	..	21
Alexander Leigh	10 August 1756.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary	5	..	19
John Crawfurd ..	10 August 1756.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	d°.	5	..	18
Henry Parsons ..	10 August 1756.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5	..	17
Thomas Lane ..	10 August 1756.	5th. July 1756.	d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary to the Secret Committee.	5	..	18
Thomas Hamilton	5th. July 1756.		d°.	.. 5	d°.	.. d°.	Under the Secretary,	5	..	17

William Stevenson	5th. July 1756.	5th July 1756.	d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. David	Under the Accomptant ..	5 ..	18
James Taylor ..	5th. July 1756.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. George	Under the d°.	5 ..	18
Richard Fitzpatrick	5th. July 1756.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	Fort St. David	Under the Secretary	5 ..	20
Thomas Amphlet	5th. July 1756.		d°. ..	5	d°. ..	d°.	Under the Deputy Governour	5 ..	20

THE REVEREND Mr. Samuel Stavely, Mr. Robert Palk } Chaplains

Mr. Andrew Munro, Mr. Robert Turing } Surgeons

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ACCOUNT OF WOOLLEN GOODS FOUND DAMAGED & WORM EATEN.

BROAD CLOTH ORDINARY GREEN		121 Ps.
PERPETUANOES ORDY. BROAD GREEN		80 Do.
Ditto do. Emerald		10 Do.
BROAD CLOTH DOUBLE COLOUR GREEN & RED		5½ Yds.
Do. Do. red & Blue		10⅜ Do.
Do. Superfine Yellow		5½ Yds.
Do. Ordinary red		2¼ Do.
Deverets	15 Do. ..	23 Do.
REMNANTS.		
BROAD CLOTH fine Scarlet Superfine		4½ Yds.
Do. Scarlet		28⅜ Do.
Do. Fine Green		5 do.
Do. do. Yellow		1⅞ do.
Do. do. Purple Blue & Black		¾ do.
Do. Aurora		3¾ do.
Do. Ordinary Yellow		1⅞ do.
Do. do. Grass Green		7 do.
PERPETUANNOES Ordinary Green		13½ do.
Do. Yellow		1½ do.
Do. Red		¾ do.
FLANNELS WHITE		½ do.
ALLAPINES		⅝ do.

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